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WHO ARE YOU

SH4PES is my alias within the realm of crypto NFTs. In the supposedly real world, my professional identity revolves around being a 3D Artist in the field of Architecture, with a background in Product Design.

Refer to *Book 1* for insights into the genesis of my journey and a collection of further artworks, especially *Sh4peverse*.

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BOOK 2

The upcoming pages will feature a collection of all the unique 1-of-1 skulls, ranging around 400, from which 343 were released for sale. - *If you happen to come across any unreleased ones that are of interest for collecting purposes, then do inform me.* - The arrangement follows a some what rough order, starting from the first initial designs. This should provide a glimpse into the ever evolving and search for design complexities.

Within this collection, there exists a small assortment of skulls captured from a different angle, aptly named as 'RAREs.' The intention behind these pieces was not to create items that held unique value solely due to their rarity number, but rather because the designs organically worked well in that specific orthographic view.

I trust you'll derive as much enjoyment from viewing them as my head did from losing most of its hair during this creative process.

THE SKULLS

In the virtual realm of artistic innovation, an enigmatic NFT artist by the name of SH4PES emerged as a luminary in a niche that intrigued and captivated: skull art. While the subject matter might seem unconventional, SH4PES' unique perspective breathed new life into this ancient symbol.

SH4PES saw skulls as more than mere remnants of mortality; they were vessels of stories, repositories of history, and carriers of profound wisdom. Each of SH4PES' digital creations delved into the intricate facets of human existence, transforming the grim into the intricate, the macabre into the mesmerizing.

The first time the digital art community encountered SH4PES' skull-inspired NFTs, a collective gasp of astonishment echoed through the virtual spaces. With meticulous attention to detail, SH4PES rendered each skull with a breathtaking fusion of color, form, abstraction and surrealism. The skulls seemed to breathe with a life of their own, adorned with intricate patterns, symbols, and textures that hinted at hidden narratives.

What truly set SH4PES' work apart was the emotional depth that emanated from these skulls.

Each piece told a story, a vignette of existence, a reflection on the fleeting nature of life. Some skulls appeared adorned with delicate flowers, a tribute to the beauty found even in the most unexpected places. Others were entwined with intricate gears and mechanisms, symbolizing the interconnectedness of life and death.

THE collections narrative began to unfold—a story of transformation, acceptance, and the circle of existence. The skulls became a mirror through which viewers confronted their own mortality, sparking introspection and contemplation. SH4PES' work reminded everyone that life was a fragile, fleeting gift, and that embracing its impermanence could lead to a more profound appreciation of its beauty.



NEMONIUM

What exactly is Nemonium?

It's a community of NFT artists and collections centered around art, complete with a community DAO that can be likened to a gamified investment group for projects on the Cardano platform.

The Nemonium vision is comprised of two separate elements. The public side of Nemonium aims to be a fully enclosed, sustainable Nemonium ecosystem, which is able to support itself through a variety of revenue streams, including income from sales and royalties. In turn, Nemonium DAO, a community-driven investment entity, will operate independently within the Nemonium ecosystem. This hybrid vision will ensure that artists who do not wish to be associated with the investment decisions of Nemonium DAO will still be able to collaborate with and benefit from the Nemonium ecosystem, while allowing Nemonium DAO members to enjoy the advantages that come with pooling resources

Nemo is countinuously building and ever expanding Nemonium. Head over to his links to explore it in depth. As I am not suited to write an explanation on it.

Nemo has already featured a host of talented Artists who all collaborate to bring something new and different to the CNFT world. The Nemonium crew including the community and collector alike are all great and ever helping at ways to grow the brand.

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THE STORY

SH4PES X NEMONIUM

So, in January 2022, Nemo, messaged me; "Hey, do you want to do a collab and can you produce 100 skull with your own interpretation. I know you could go to solo but might better if we, etc..."

Me, "Cool story bro, let me ask the tree outside and think about it."

My thought process;

Do I know Nemo in real life? - Nope. How long do I know Nemo in the Virtual world? - not long, six months, maybe?

Possibility of being Scammed? - High, BUT; Nemo comes across as sincere and genuine. or was I being socially engineered???, regardless of my reservations, I'll reserve judgment until the end. In fact, I've had already connected with like-minded individuals on different blockchains, and overall, there are numerous talented artists and developers who are eager to collaborate.

I should have a 100 pieces of Skull Art and my skill level will have improved. - Sounds good to me.

Take the risk? - Sure, why not.. The only thing to lose is TIME itself. But I also had something to prove and push through the overstaturated market of PFP generative art with high end 3D Art.

Do I recommend this to anyone? - No, Maybe, WHAT? with randoms on the internet?..... you decide! follow your gut!

Unless one conducts their do diligence (DYOR) as there are plenty of nefarious ill intended individuals looking to exploit others.

THE COLLAB

The agreement was straightforward.

I would create the artwork, while Nemo would handle the minting and marketing of these NFTs under his brand. I grasped the concept easily, as it resembled the operations of art galleries. I welcomed this arrangement, considering that I work on NFT's during my spare hours and any external input such as brand building and marketing would take me away from the Art it self.

I also recognized this opportunity as a way to challenge myself and elevate my skill set - a perpetual struggle for artists and designers alike.

This decision would also encompass elements of risk, exertion, and emotional dedication. The purpose was to catalyze a process of change, and in pursuit of that, we're contributing something valuable to bring about that transformation of the Cardano NFT scene and bring a collective value, including trust to and between unheard artists and collectors alike.





CONT...

Midway through our correspondence, Nemo proposed extending the skull count to 300 items, feeling that the initial 100 would be too limiting as his follower count had grown.. Although I wasn't thrilled, given my existing exhaustion and the prospect of another 200 pieces, I took a step back, allowing myself time to rejuvenate. Armed with a fresh mindset I went back to making more skulls and after months of effort, I finally completed the full 300 and sent them to Nemo, thinking this would mark the end of our collaboration, as initially agreed.

Nemo as natural as any person curated the skulls and came back with a list of skulls he felt didn't quite fit. I could sense his nervousness, and it was understandable. The CNFT community primarily favored PFP cartoons, and what we were creating was something entirely novel and uncharted.

My opinion differed and so I chose to distance myself momentarily, I sought relaxation, seeking to shed the weight of stress. and went silent. Six months of relentless toil, juggling two jobs, had drained me.

Initially, I had held back, aiming to maintain a sense of unity among the skulls, avoiding the perception that one was superior to the others. However, I had a change of heart and, over the next two months, I produced an additional 100 skulls.

This time around, bolstered by experience, I adopted a refined approach with meticulous planning but also a carefree approach. After all, creating art has to be fun and it was something external to the daily grind of life. I produced small batches and shared them with Nemo. I had set a limit of 400, beyond which the project needed to enter the market.

Nemo once again curated the collection and settled on 343 as the magic number. I was content with this decision and 8 months had flown by and we eventually released the collection to the public for sale. To my surprise, they were sold out within an hour, if not less. The comments were positive and accepting from the community of collectors.

WHAT ARE

NFTs, or Non-Fungible Tokens, are a type of digital asset that represents ownership or proof of authenticity of a unique item or piece of content, like digital art, music, videos, virtual real estate, and more.

Unlike cryptocurrencies which are interchangeable and have the same value, each NFT is distinct and cannot be exchanged on a one-to-one basis. They use blockchain technology to verify and secure ownership, making them popular in the world of digital collectibles and creative industries.

SH4PES NFTS, are minted on the CARDANO blockchain.

TO READ ABOUT CARDANO

<https://cardano.org/>



INVESTING

Investing in SH4PES' skull-inspired NFTs isn't merely a financial decision, but an invitation to explore the depths of the human experience. Each piece offered a glimpse into the artist's unique perspective, a journey into a realm where death and life intertwined in a dance of artistry and meaning. The ownership of a unique piece of digital history, a singular piece of art that will be echoed into the history of the cardano blockchain.

Collectors and enthusiasts vied for the chance to own a piece of this transformative art, not just for its aesthetic value, but for the connection it forged between the tangible and the intangible, the real and the surreal, and ultimately, between life and the beyond.

NFT's can not be purchased via fiat money and the investment into such pieces can be based on either collecting the art or selling it for a value higher than the original purchase price.

SH4PES NFT'S can be found at - <https://www.jpg.store/collection/sh4pesxnemonium>

Investing in NFTs can be attractive for several reasons:

1. **Potential for Profit:** Just like with traditional investments, some NFTs can appreciate in value over time. Rare and sought-after digital assets can be sold for significant profits.

2. **Diversification:** NFTs offer a unique way to diversify your investment portfolio, as they are not correlated with traditional assets like stocks or bonds.

3. **Ownership and Provenance:** NFTs provide a secure and transparent way to prove ownership and provenance of digital assets, making them attractive to collectors and creators.

4. **Supporting Creators:** When you buy an NFT, you're often directly supporting the artist or creator. Many creators receive royalties when their NFTs are resold, providing ongoing income.

5. **Access to Exclusive Content:** NFTs can grant access to exclusive content, experiences, or communities, which can have personal or monetary value.

However, it's crucial to approach NFT investments with caution:

1. **Volatility:** The NFT market can be highly volatile, with prices fluctuating dramatically.

2. **Lack of Regulation:** The NFT space is still relatively unregulated, which means it can be susceptible to scams and fraudulent activity.

3. **Speculation Risk:** Many NFTs are purchased purely for speculative purposes.



HOW TO PURCHASE

How to purchase Cardano coins, also known as ADA. -

<https://cardano.org/what-is-ada/>

<https://docs.cardano.org/new-to-cardano/how-to-purchase-ada/>

In the Virtual world, we require access to digital online wallets. The following link should give an overview including the wallets to use on your desktops and mobile phones.

<https://docs.cardano.org/new-to-cardano/types-of-wallets/>

Cardano wallets that support NFTs should allow you to:

1. **Access the Cardano Blockchain:** Install a Cardano wallet that is compatible with the Alonzo upgrade.
2. **Manage ADA:** Ensure you have ADA (Cardano's native cryptocurrency) in your wallet. ADA is used for transactions and fees on the Cardano blockchain.

3. **Connect to NFT Marketplaces:** There are a few NFT marketplaces on the Cardano blockchain and SH4PES NFT'S are on <https://www.jpg.store/>, the wallet should provide a way to connect to these marketplaces, view available NFTs, and make purchases.

4. **View and Manage NFTs:** After purchasing NFTs, you should be able to view and manage them within the wallet interface, similar to how you manage cryptocurrencies.

5. **Interact with Smart Contracts:** NFTs on Cardano might be built using Cardano's smart contract capabilities. Therefore, your wallet should provide the means to interact with these smart contracts when purchasing or selling NFTs.

Since the status of specific developments can change rapidly in the cryptocurrency space, I recommend checking the official Cardano website, their social media channels, and Cardano-related forums for the most up-to-date information regarding NFT wallets and functionality on the Cardano blockchain.















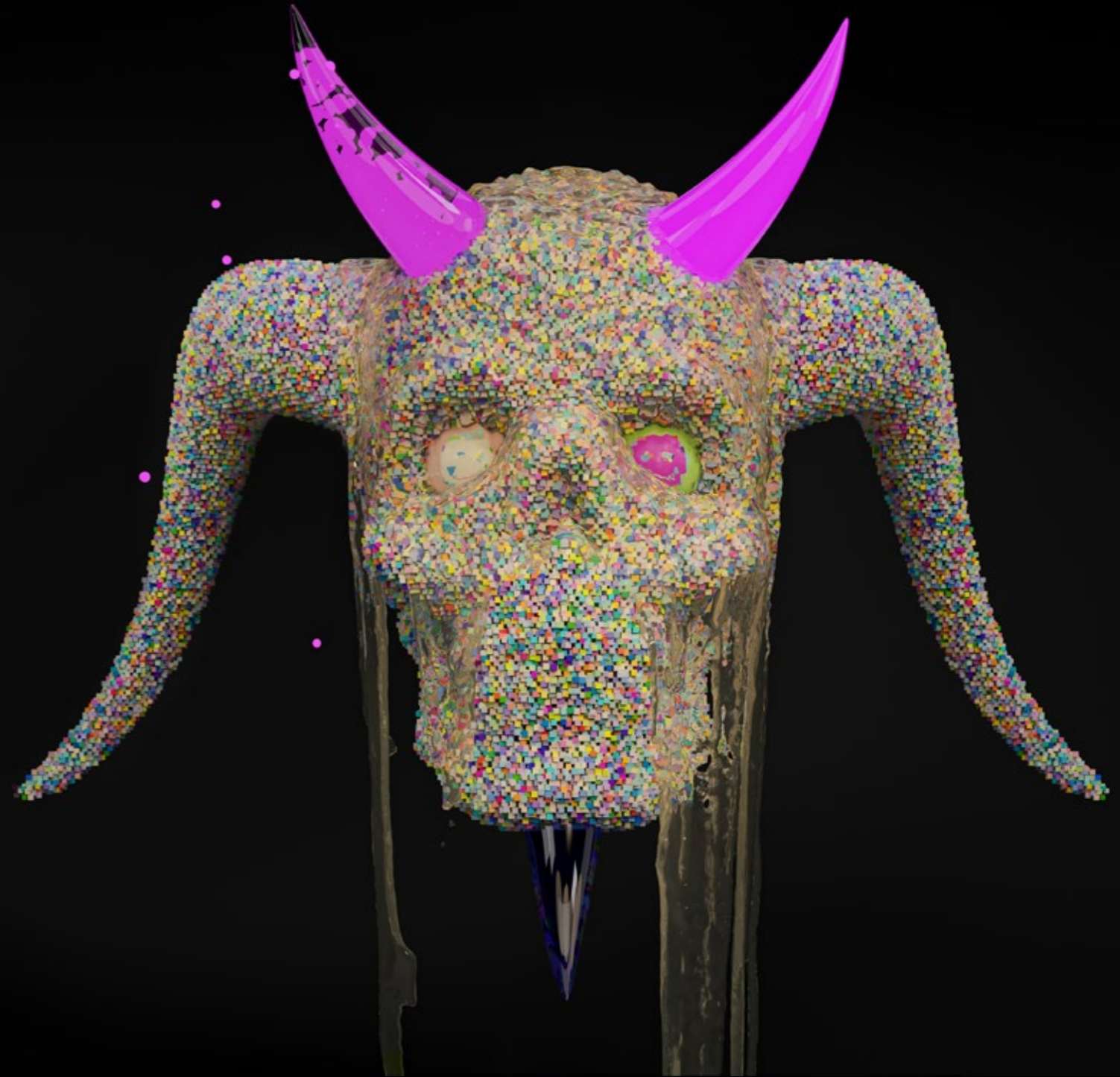
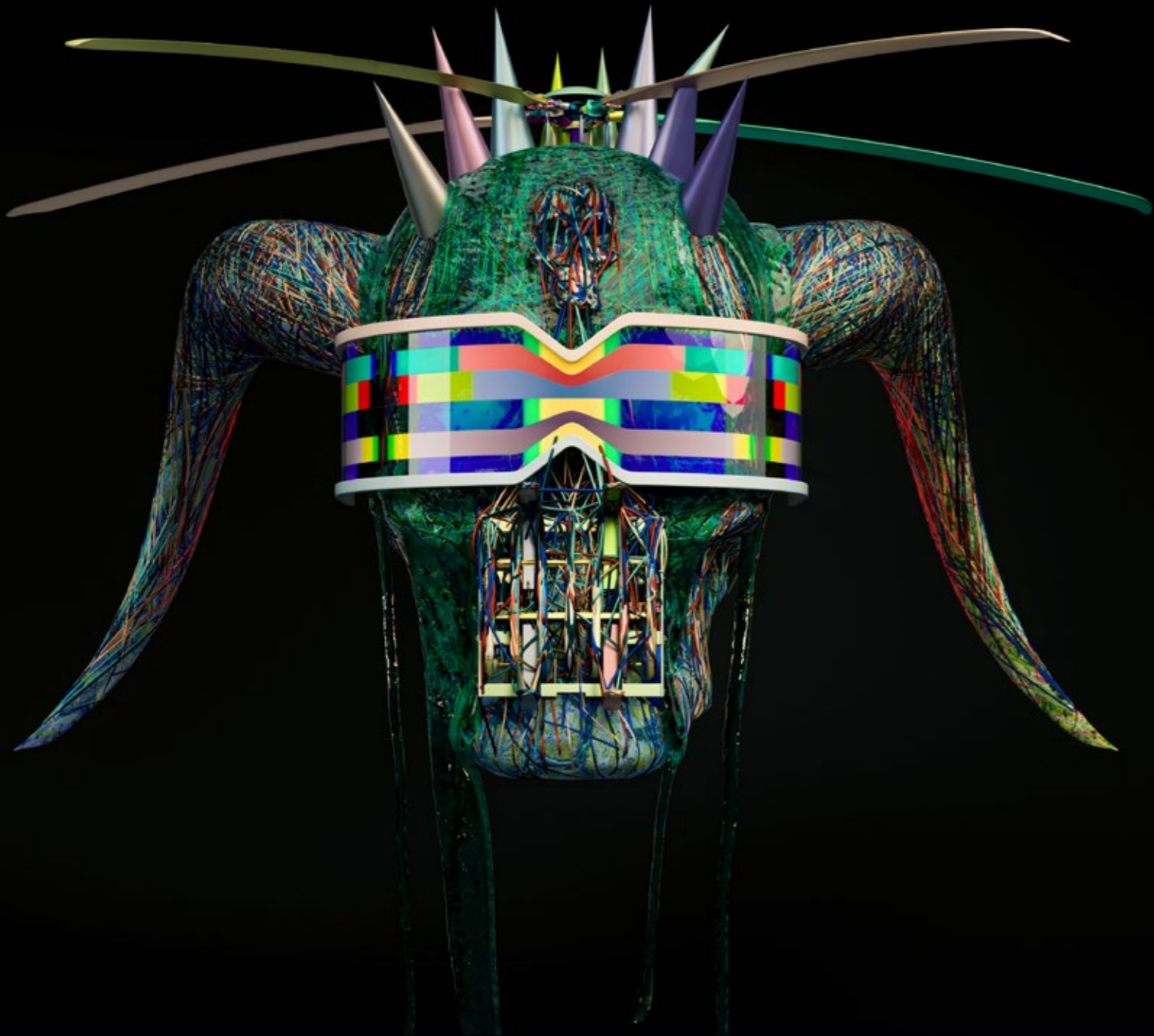










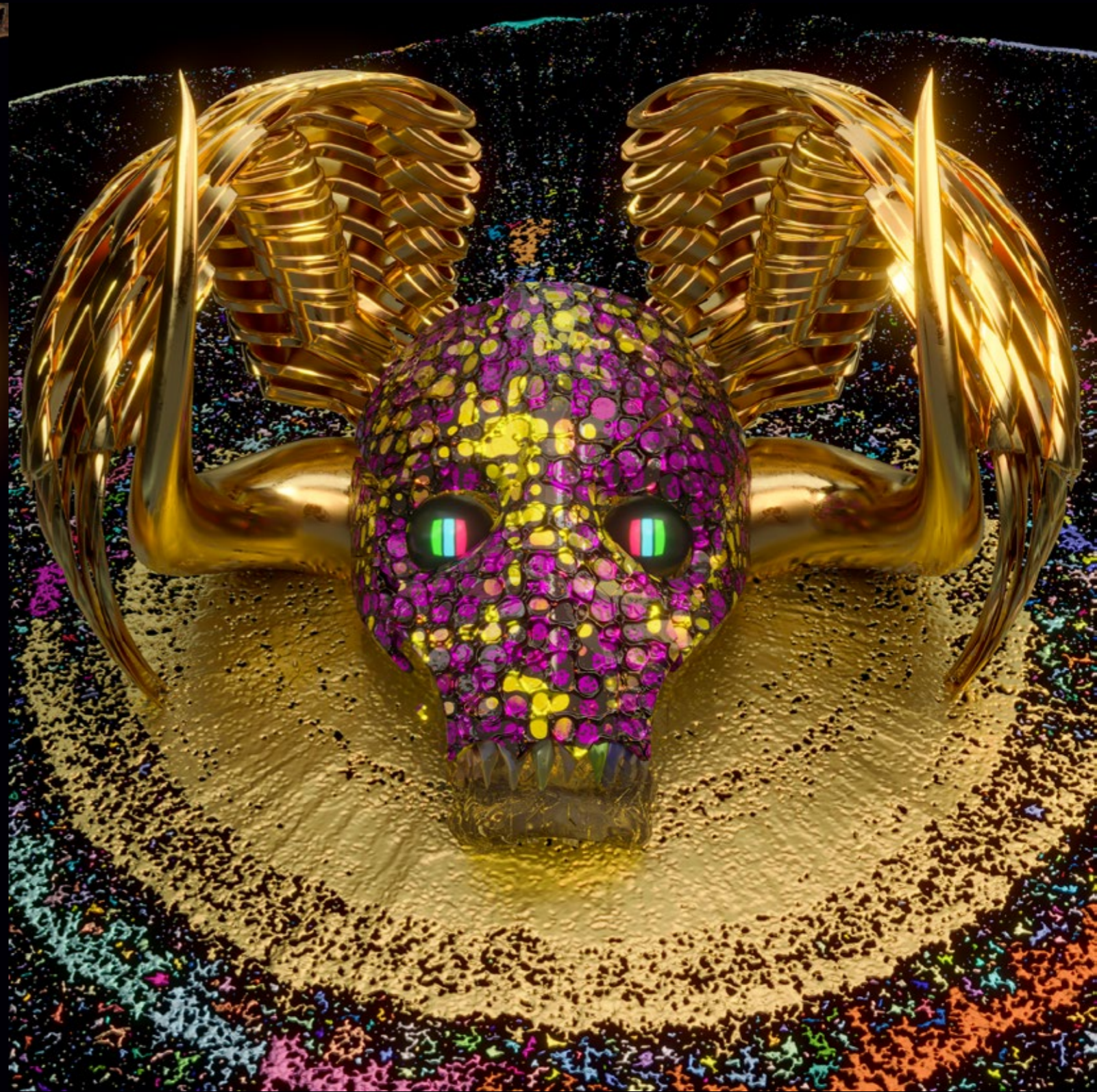
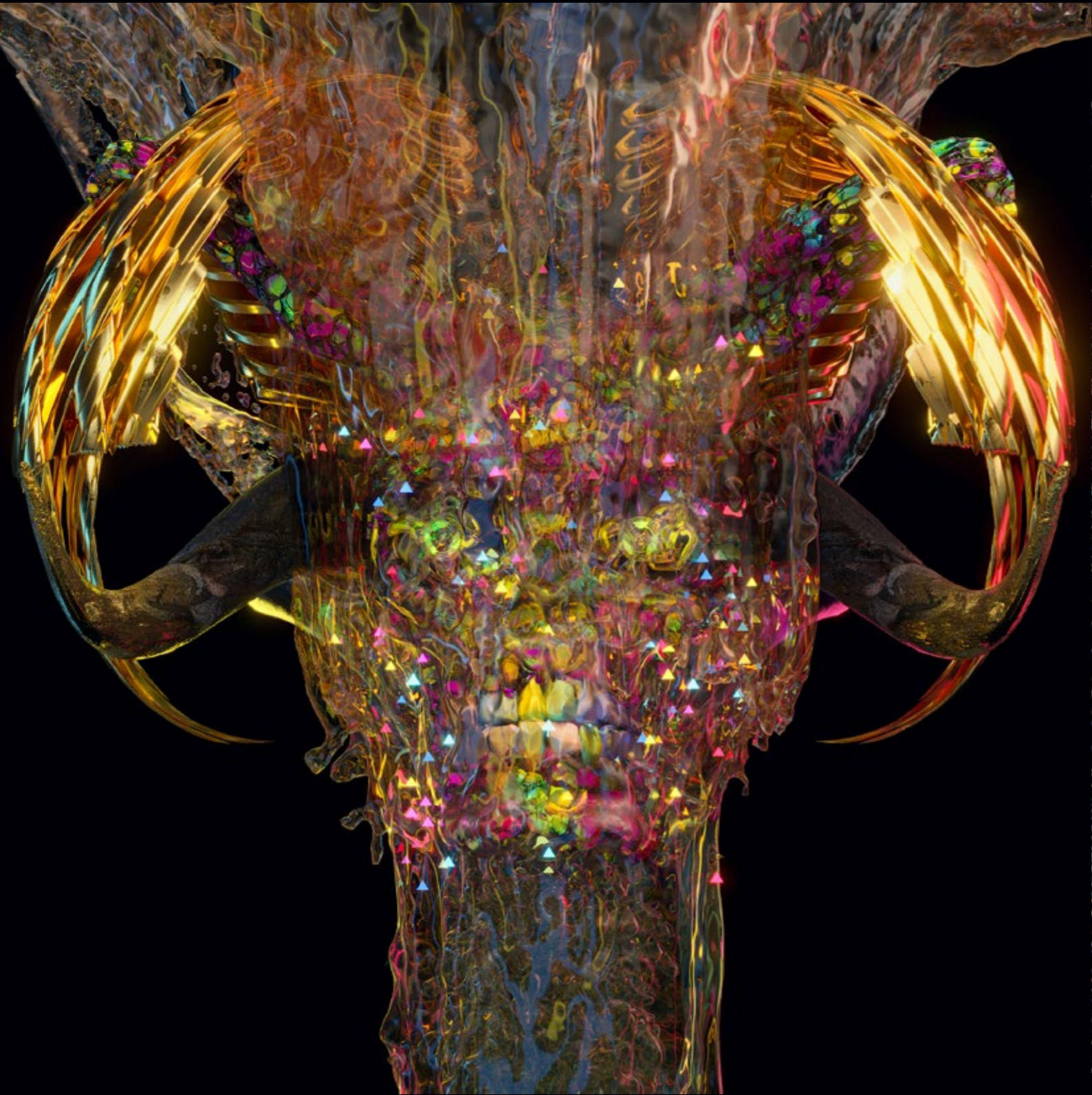








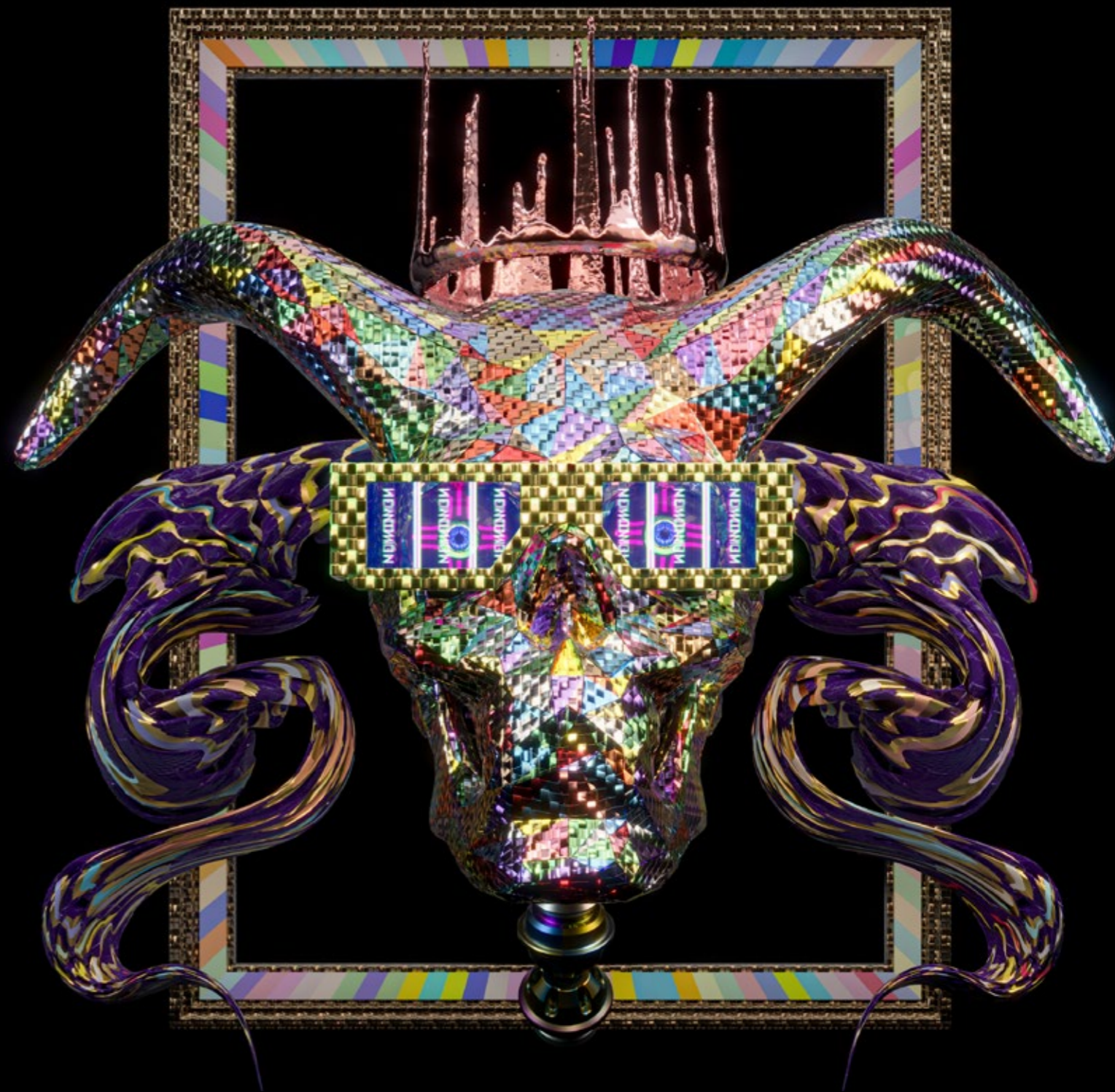






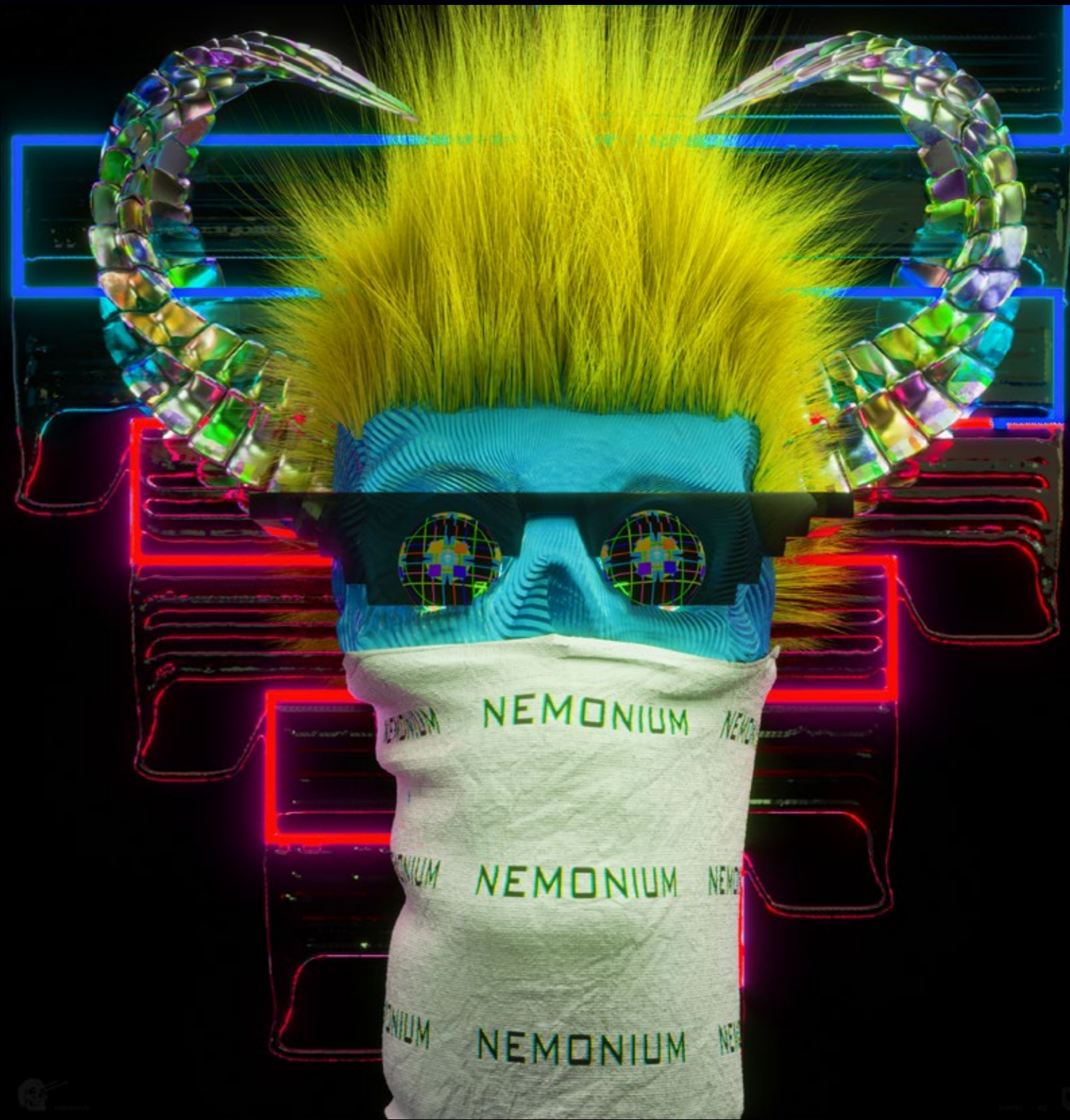








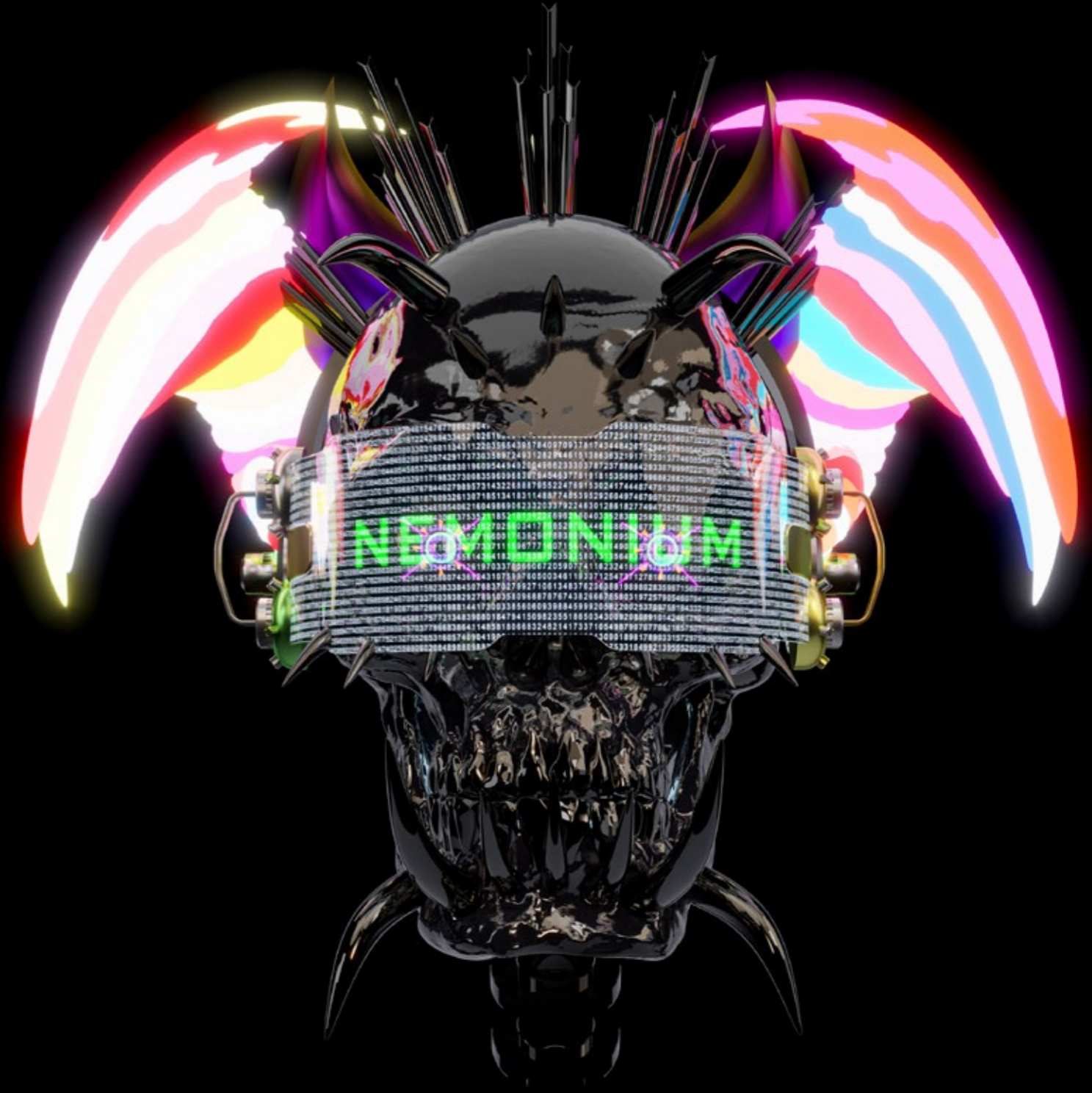




























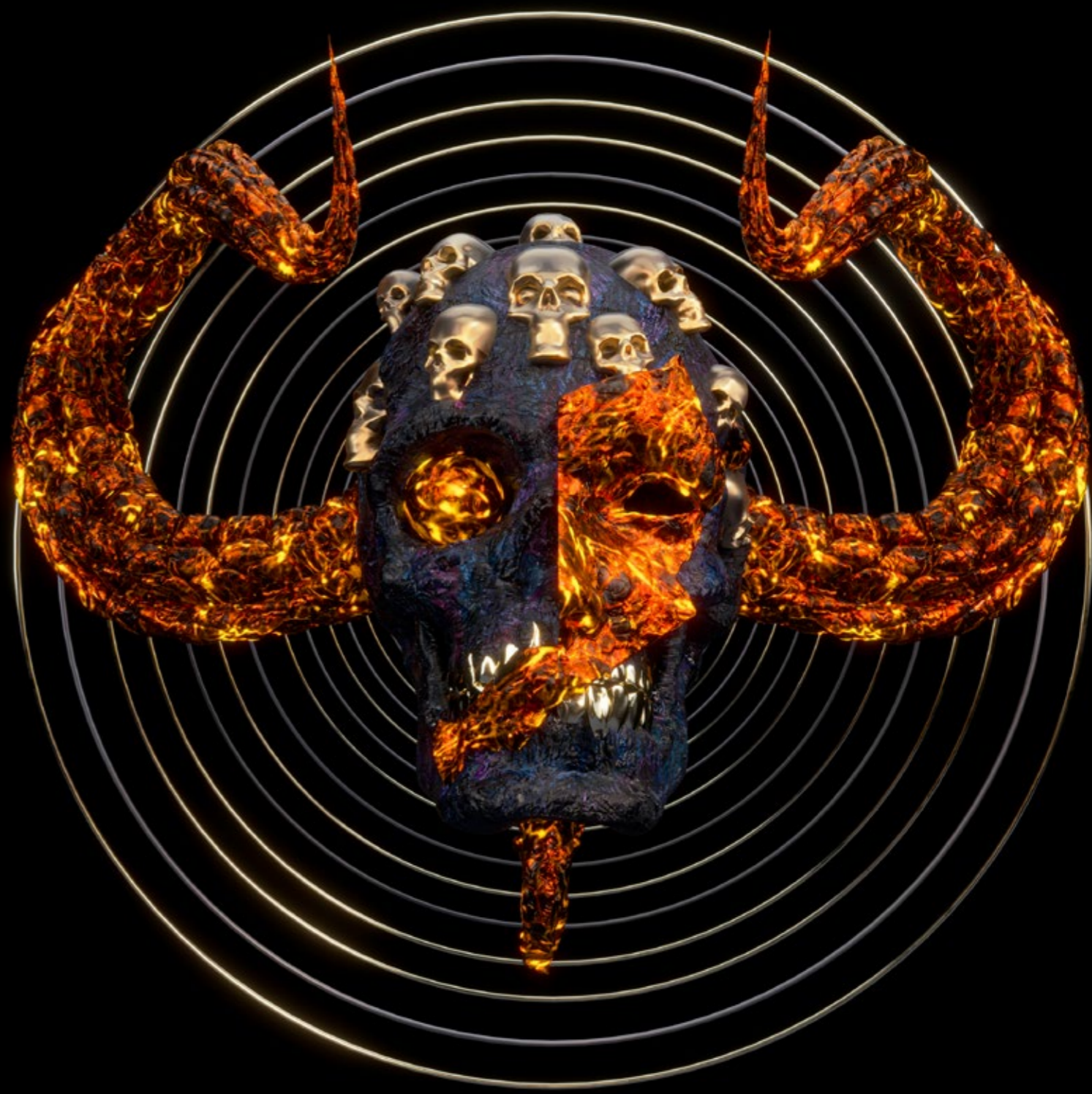


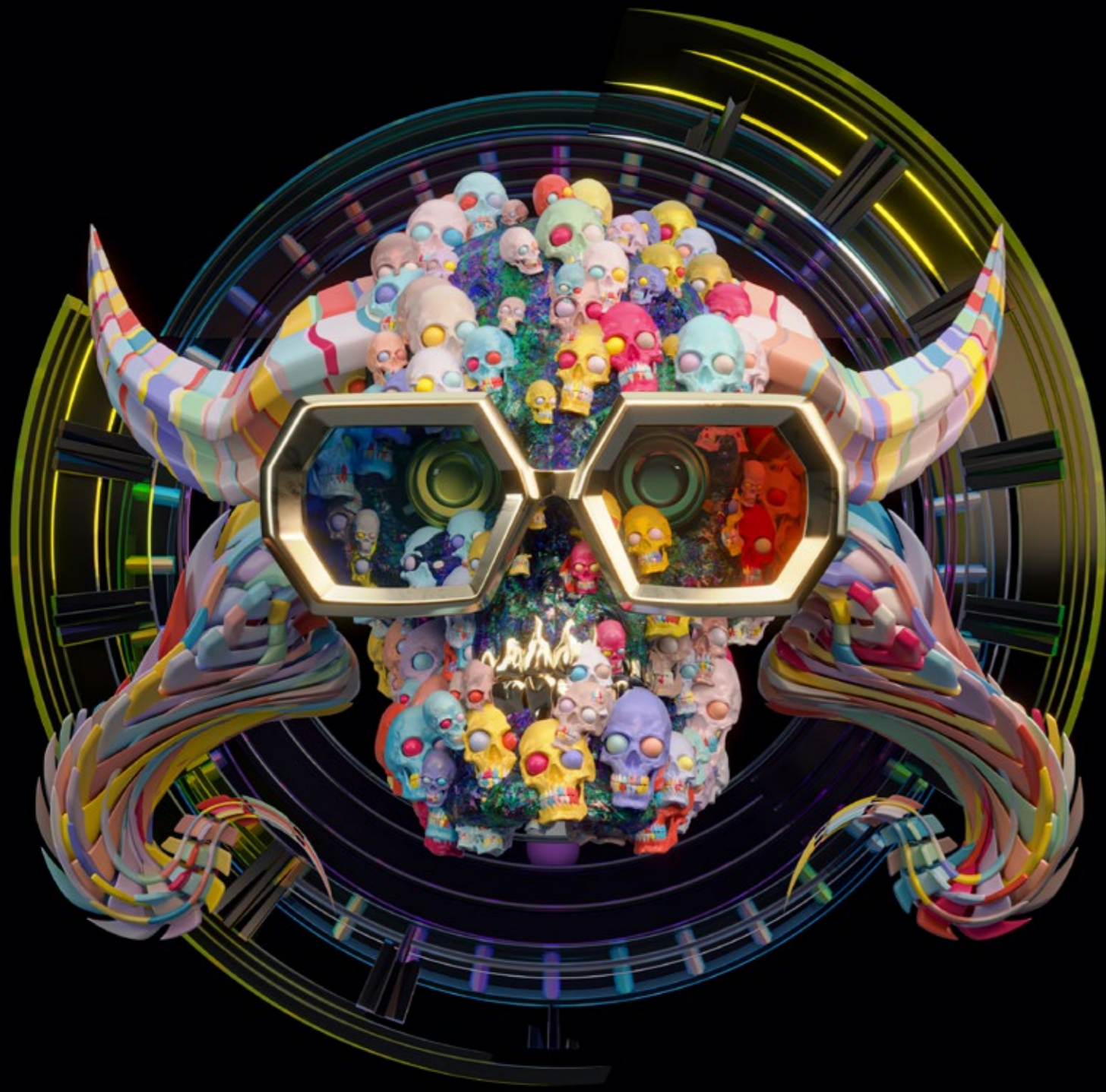






































































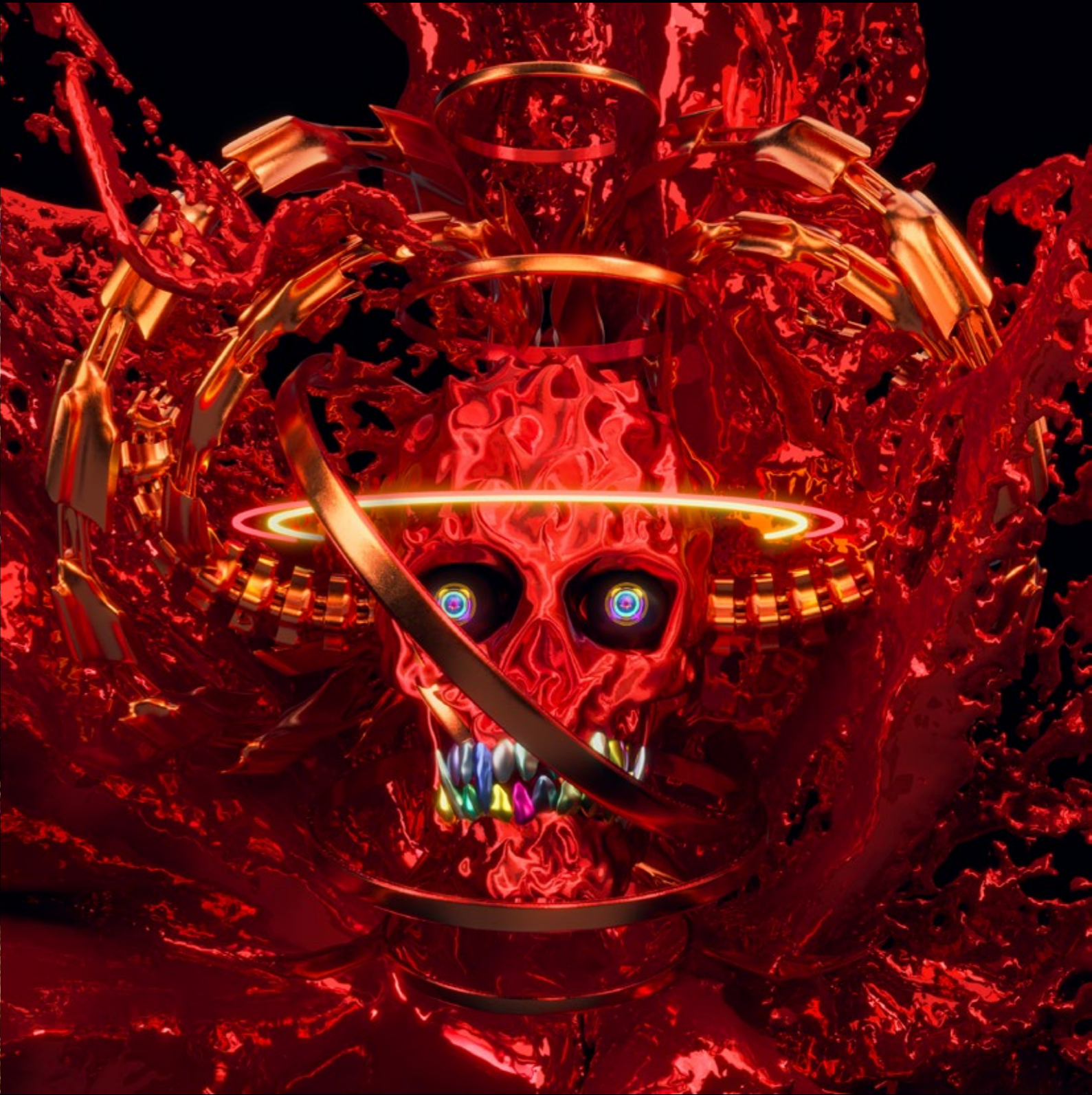


















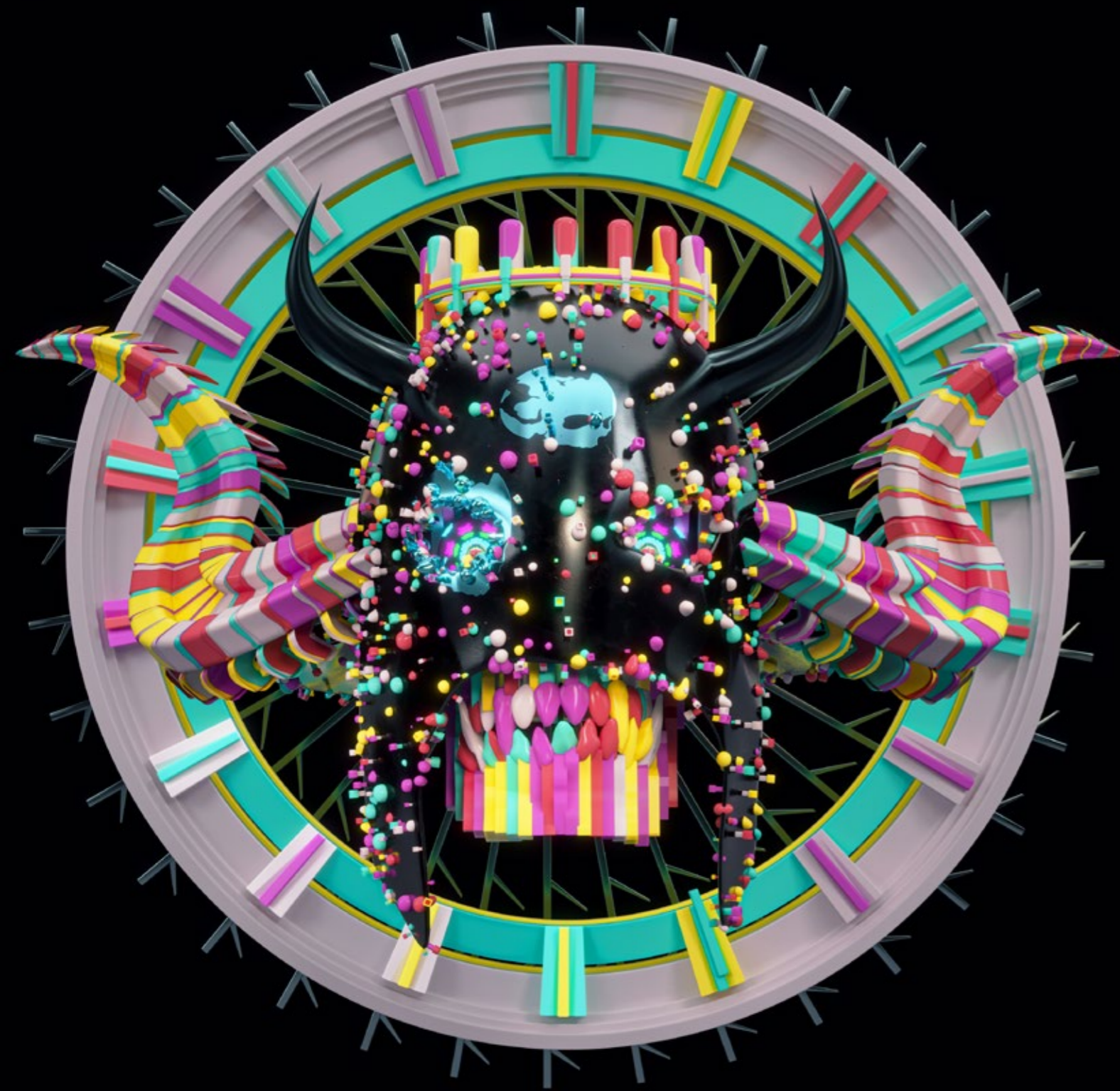


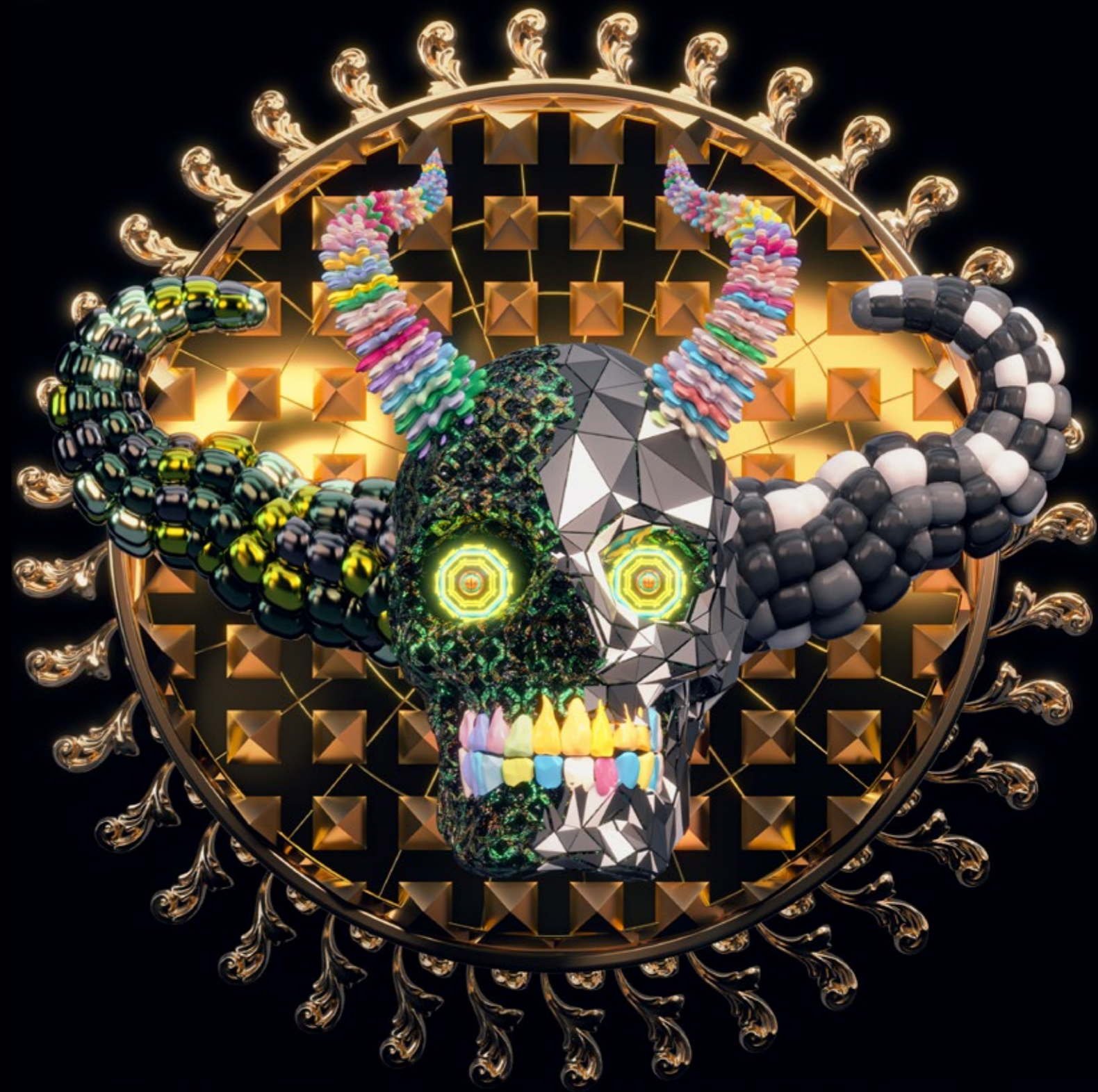






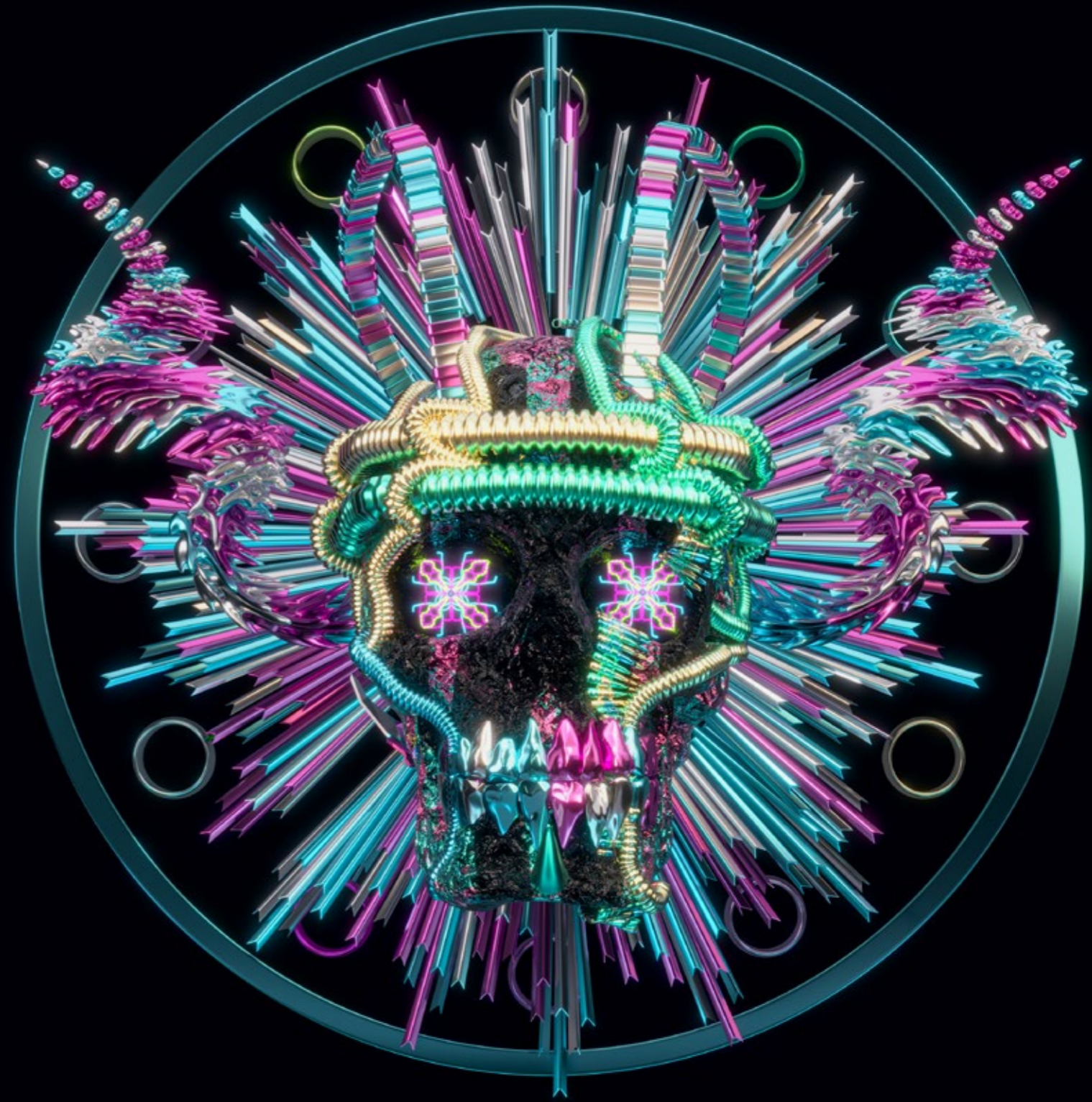






















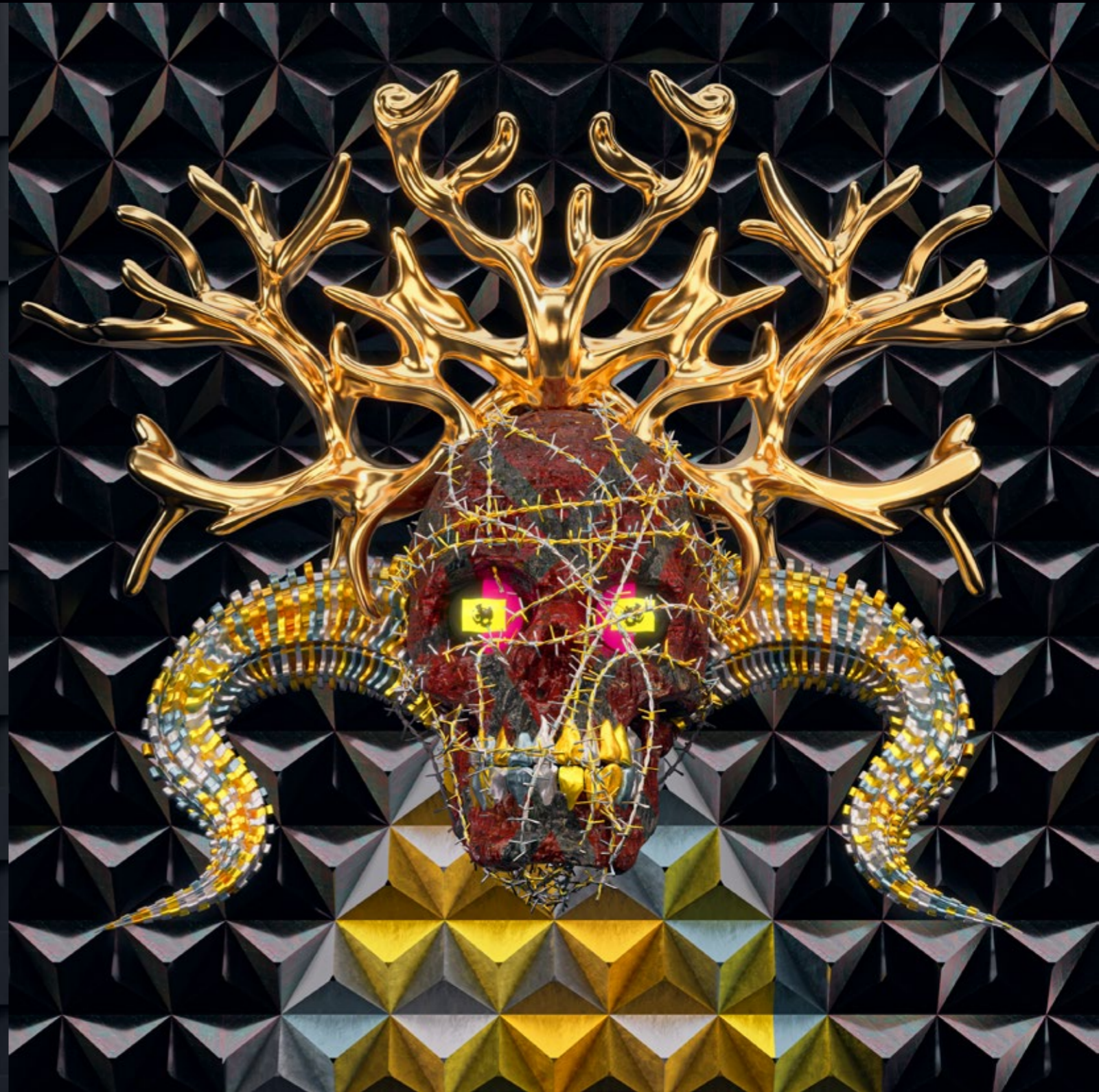
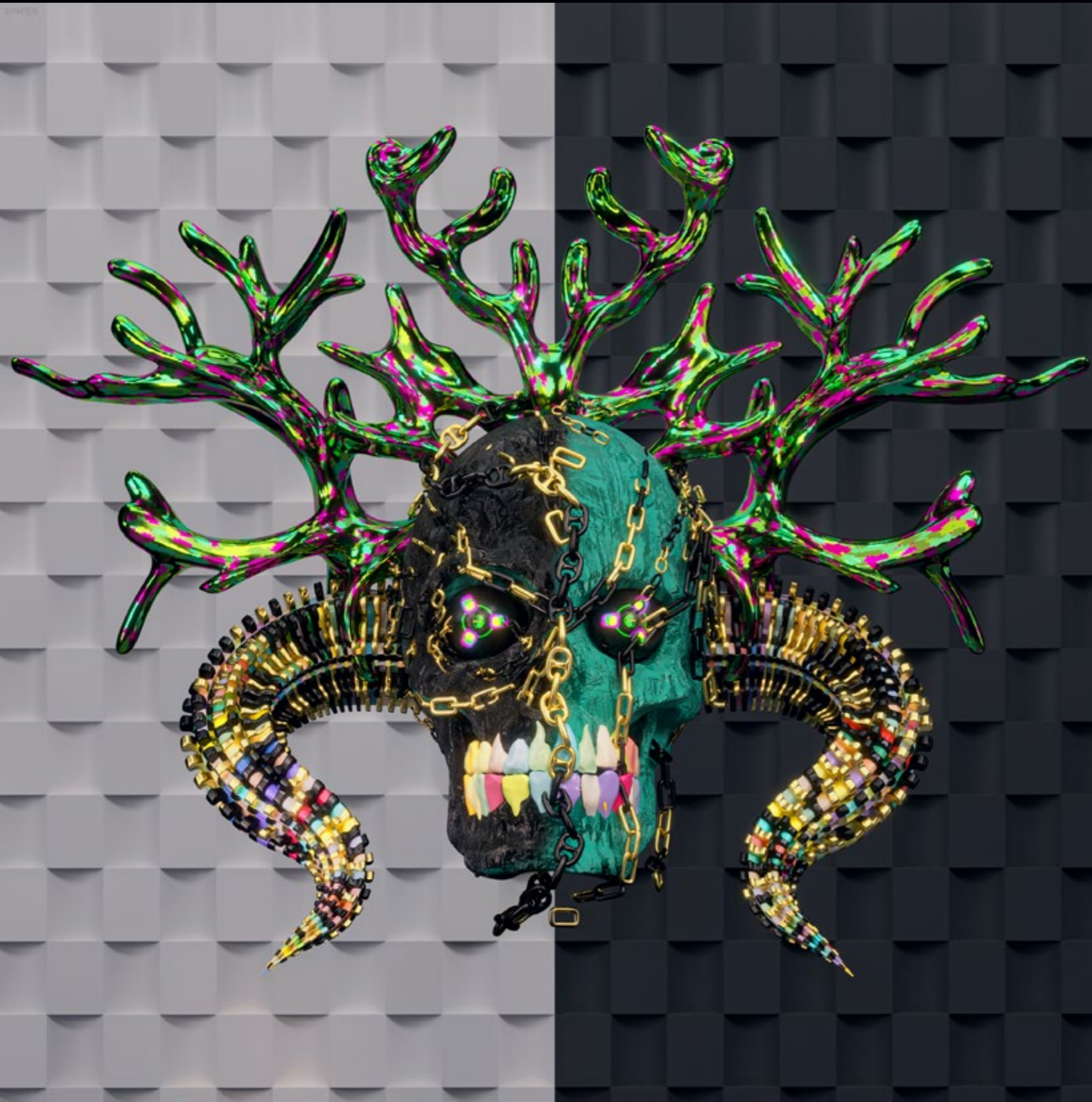










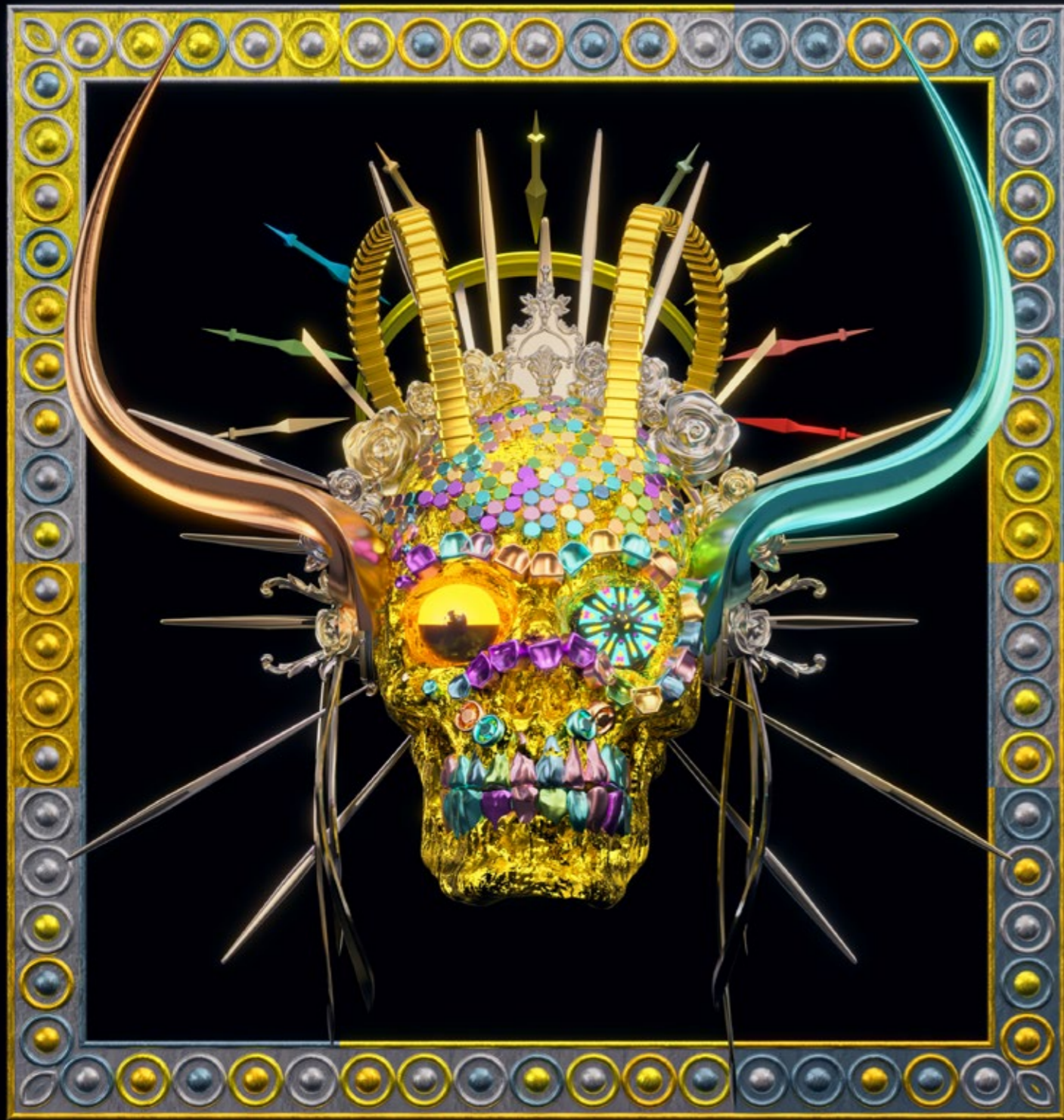




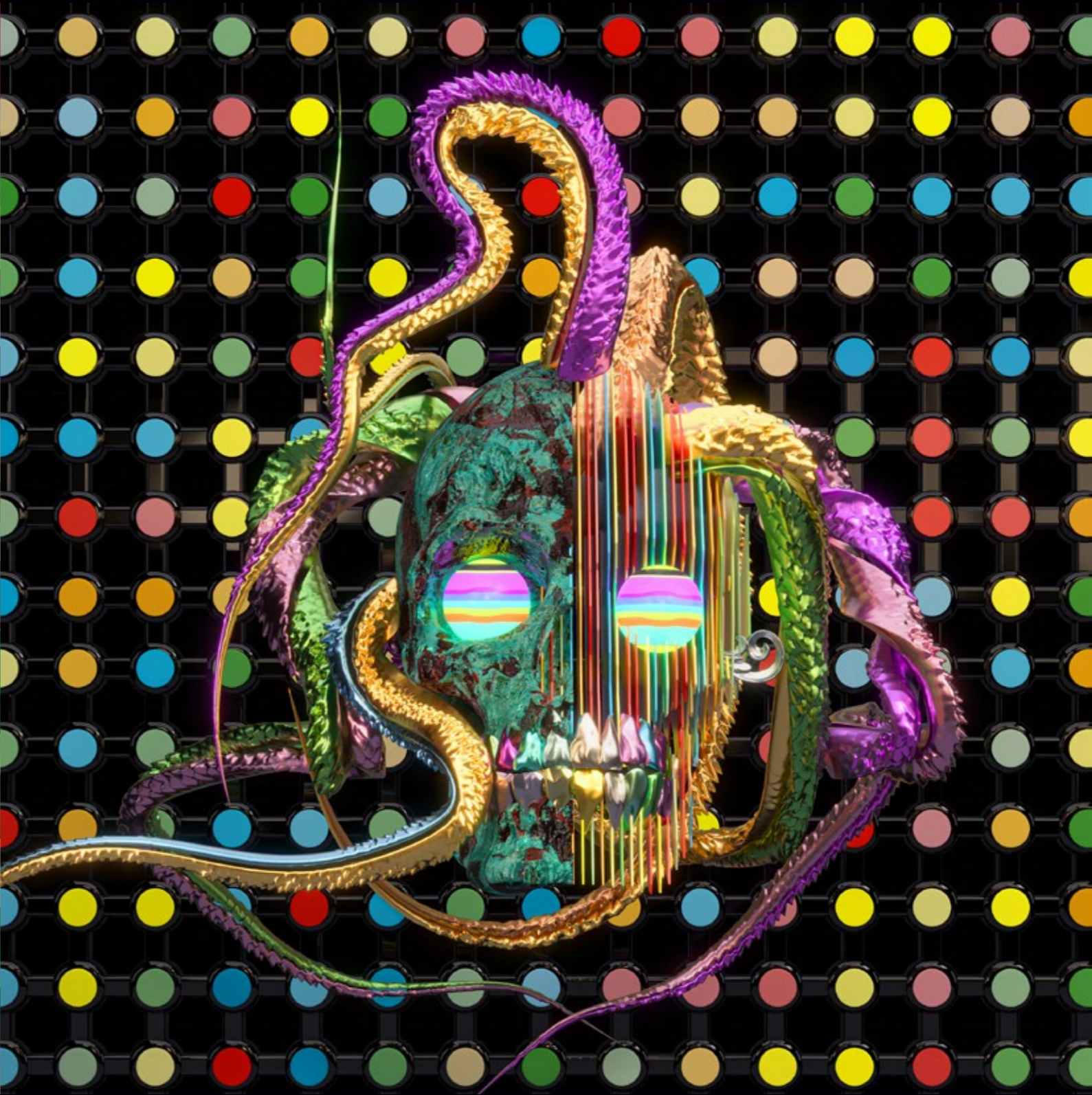
























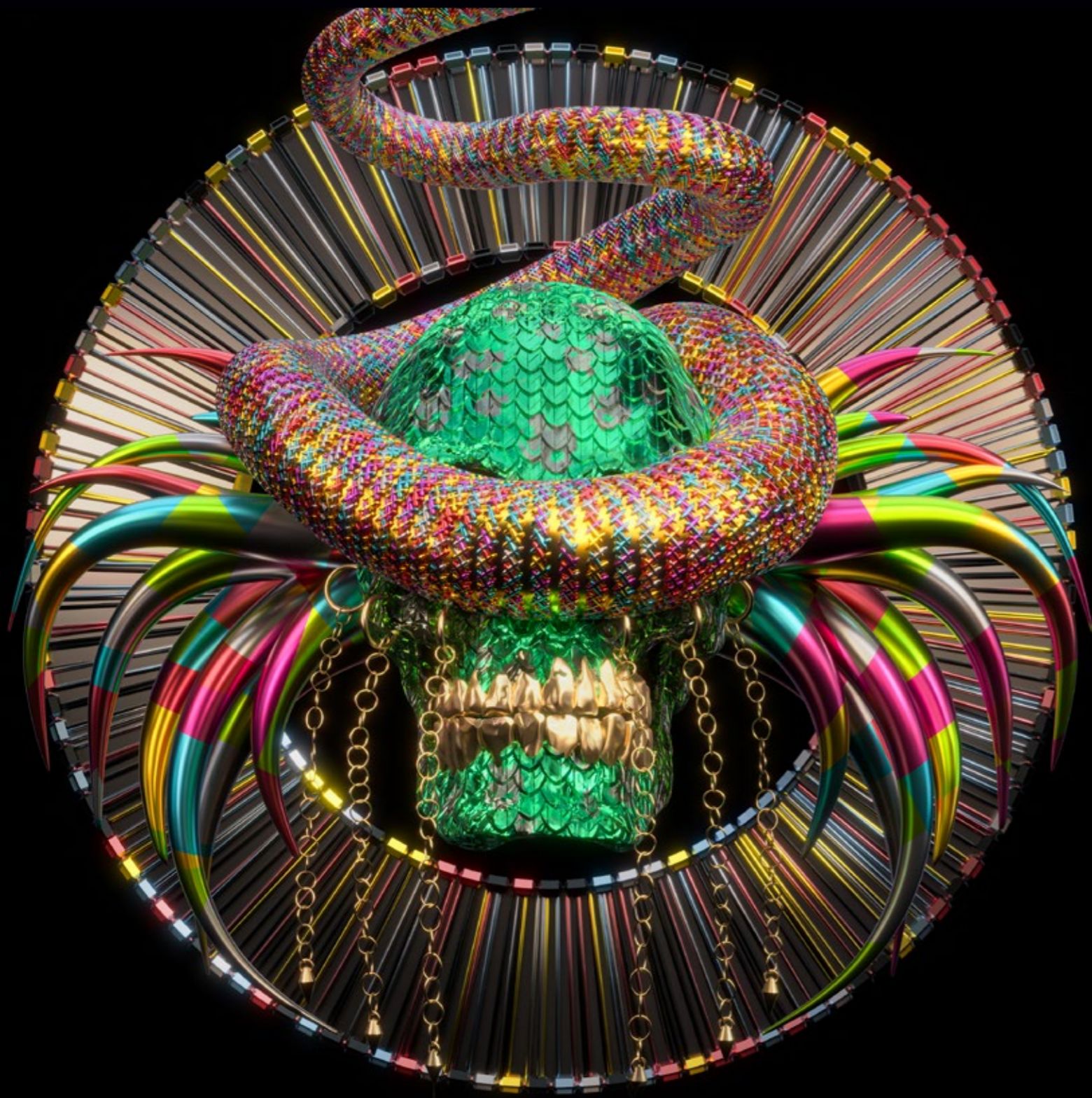






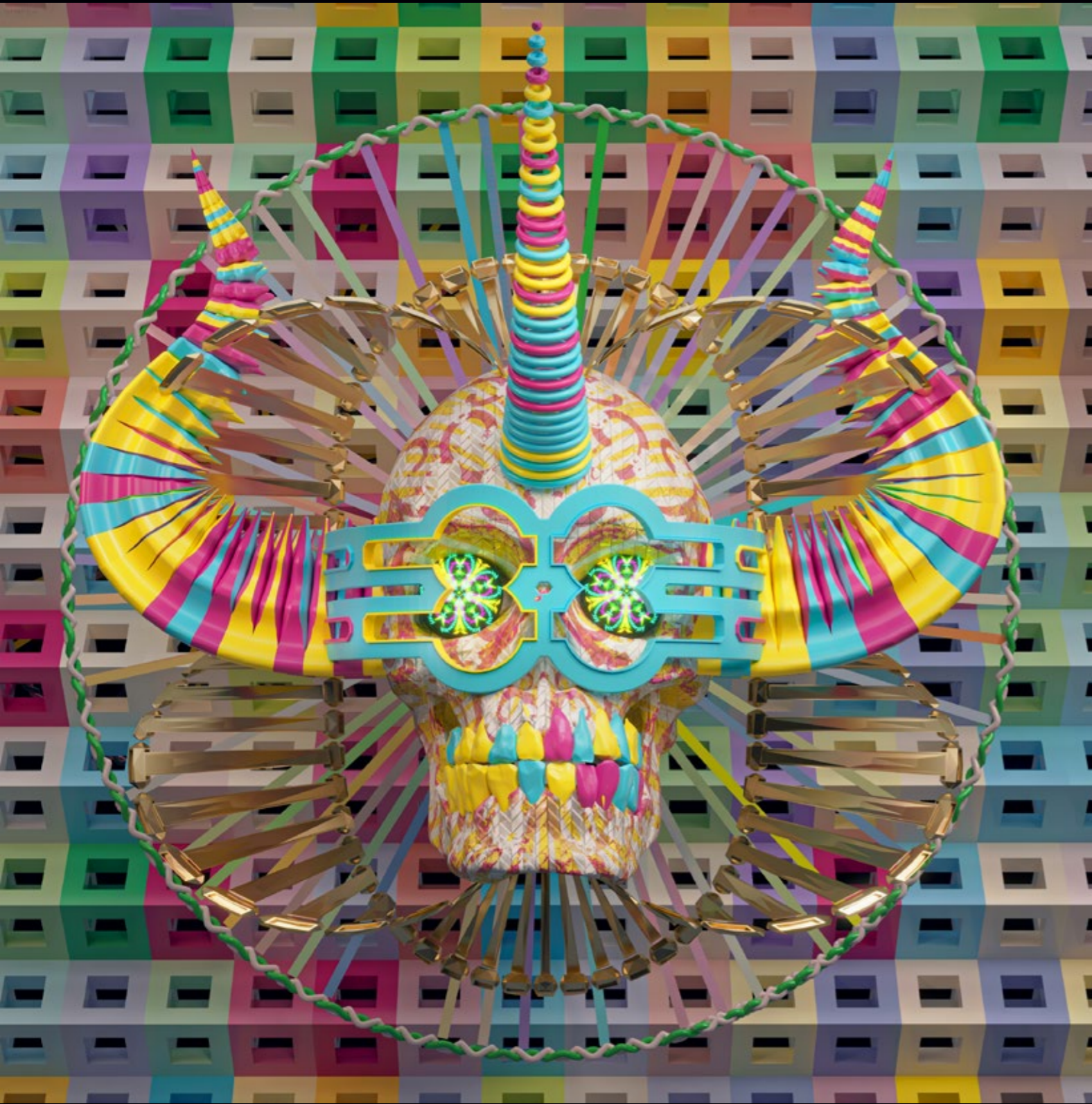




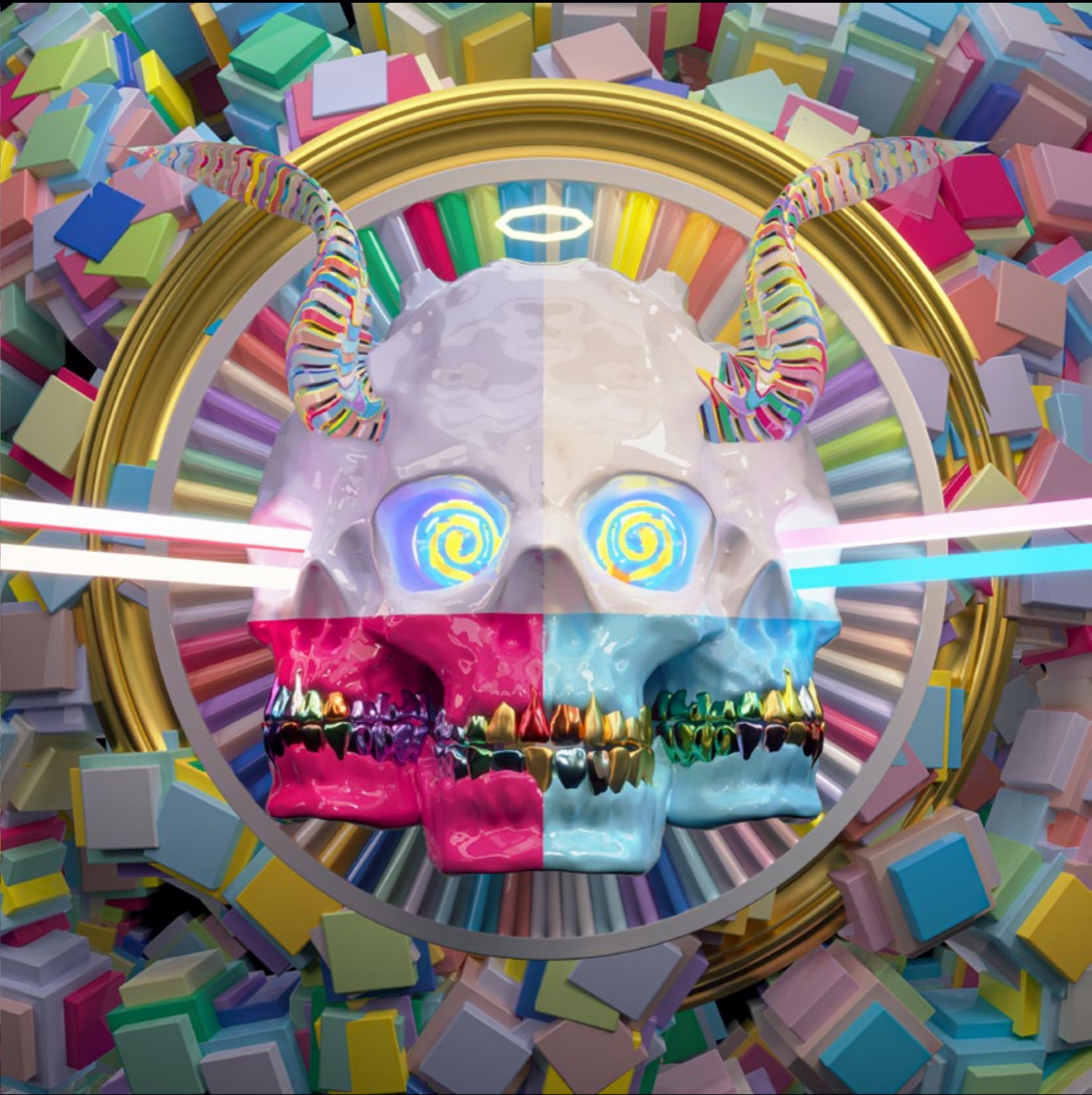
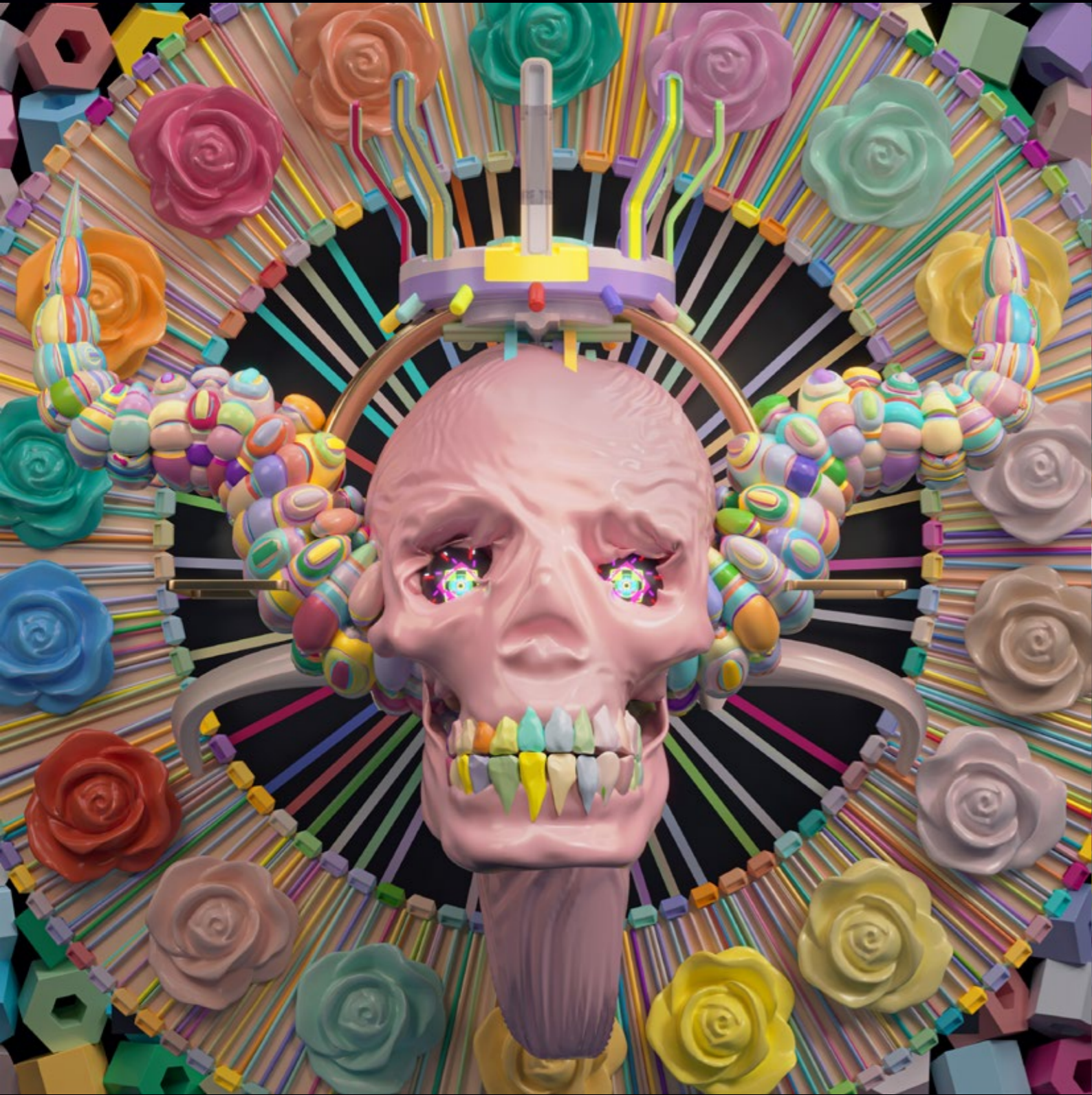








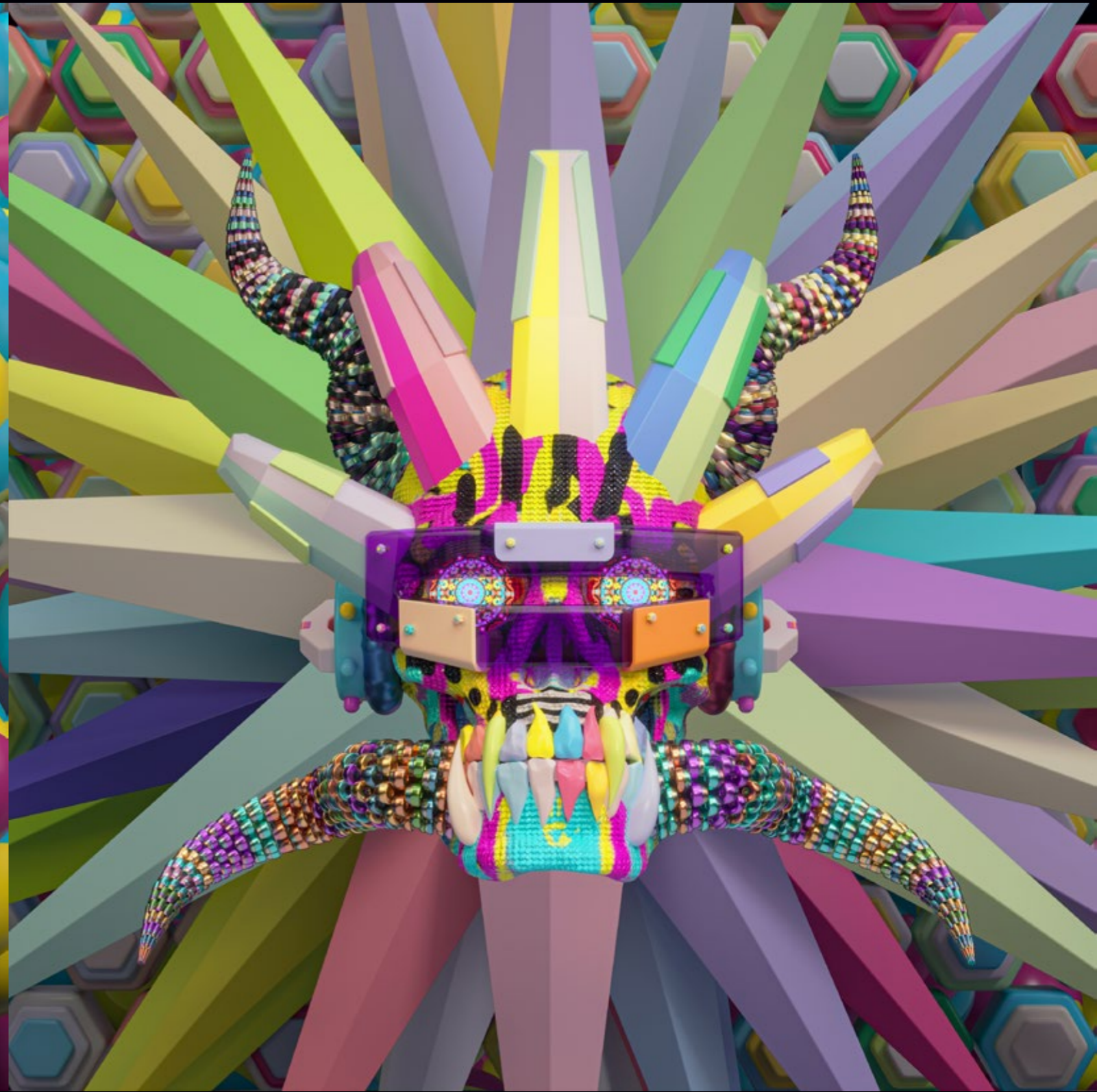
















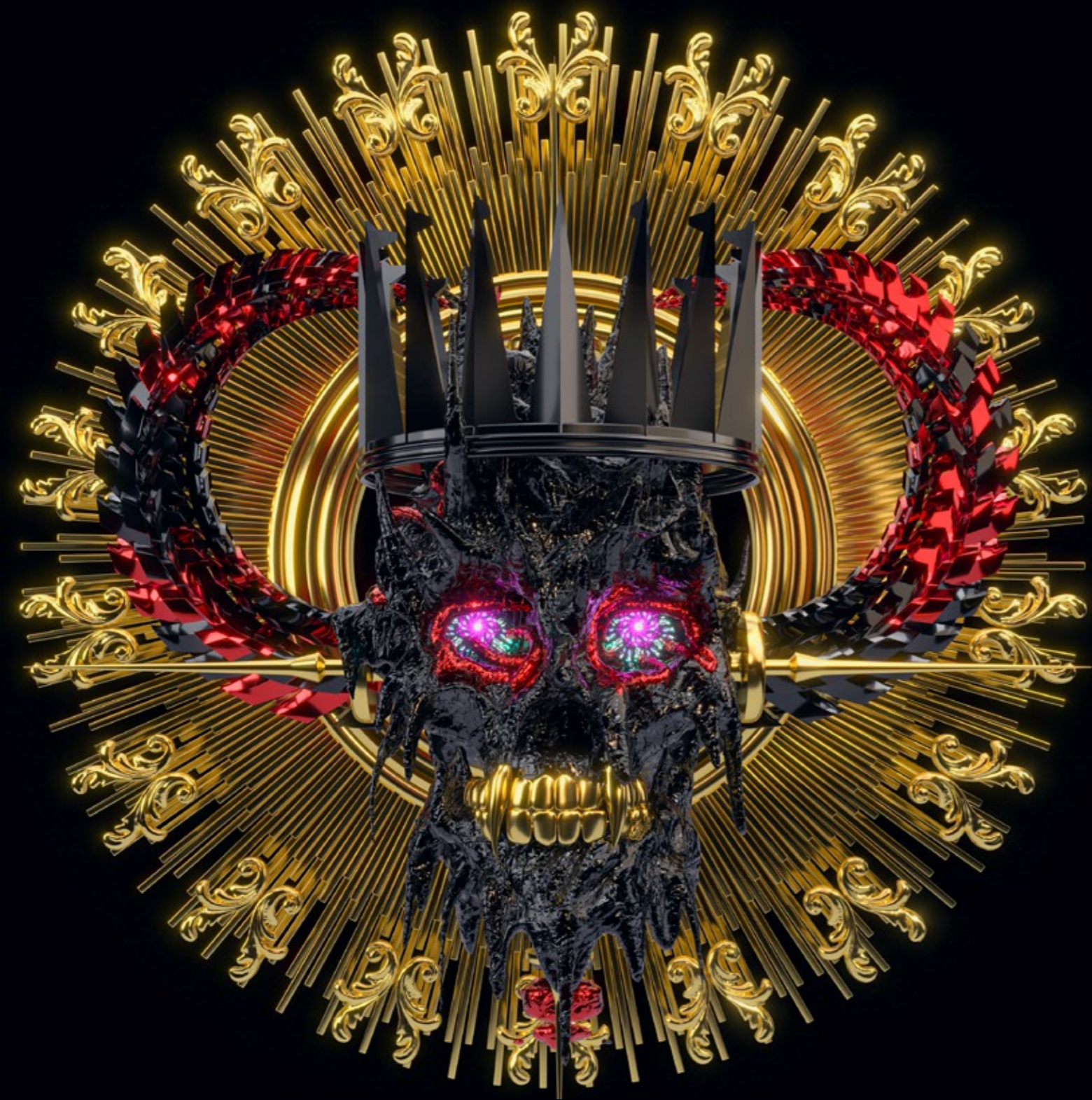










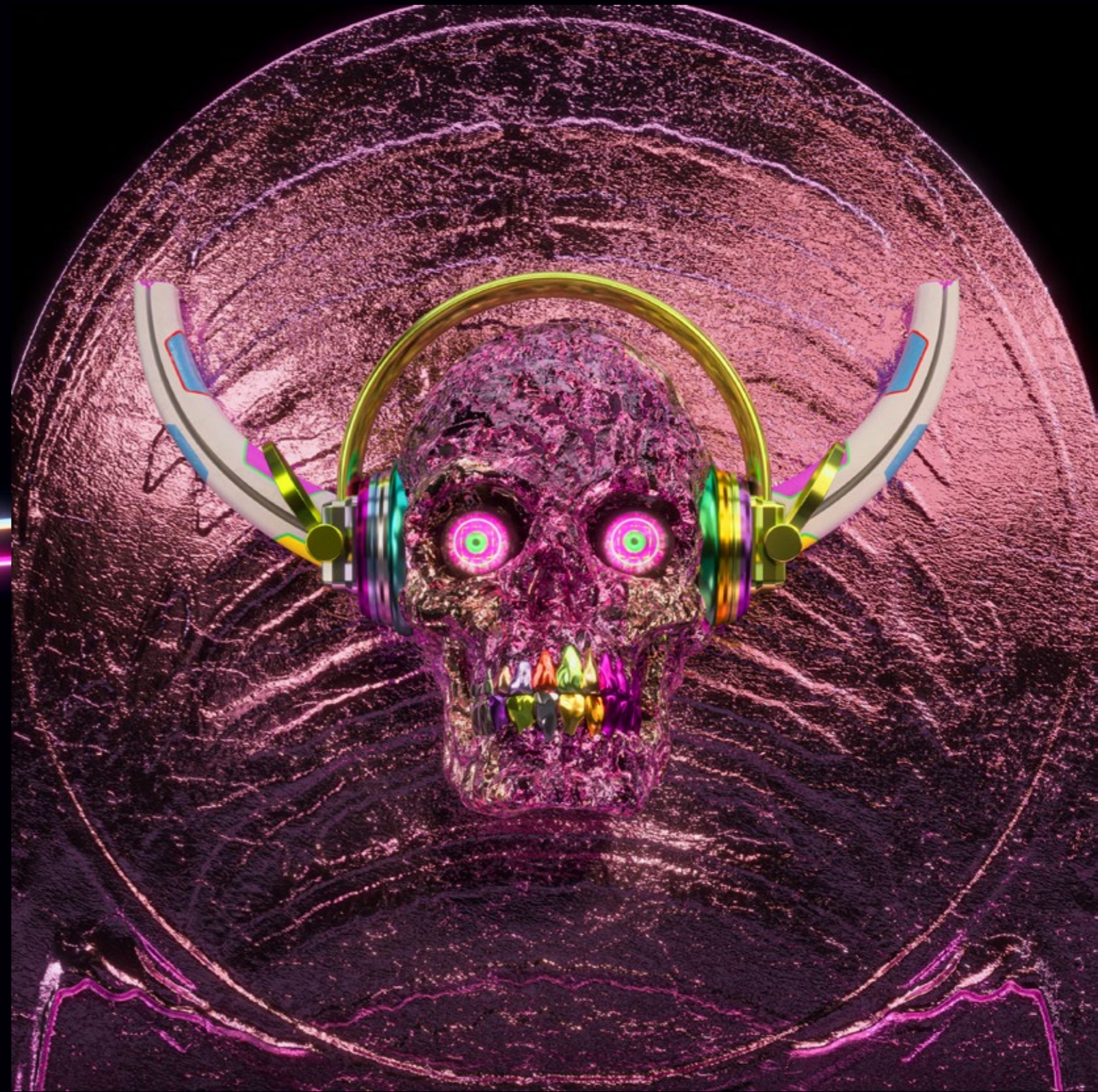


















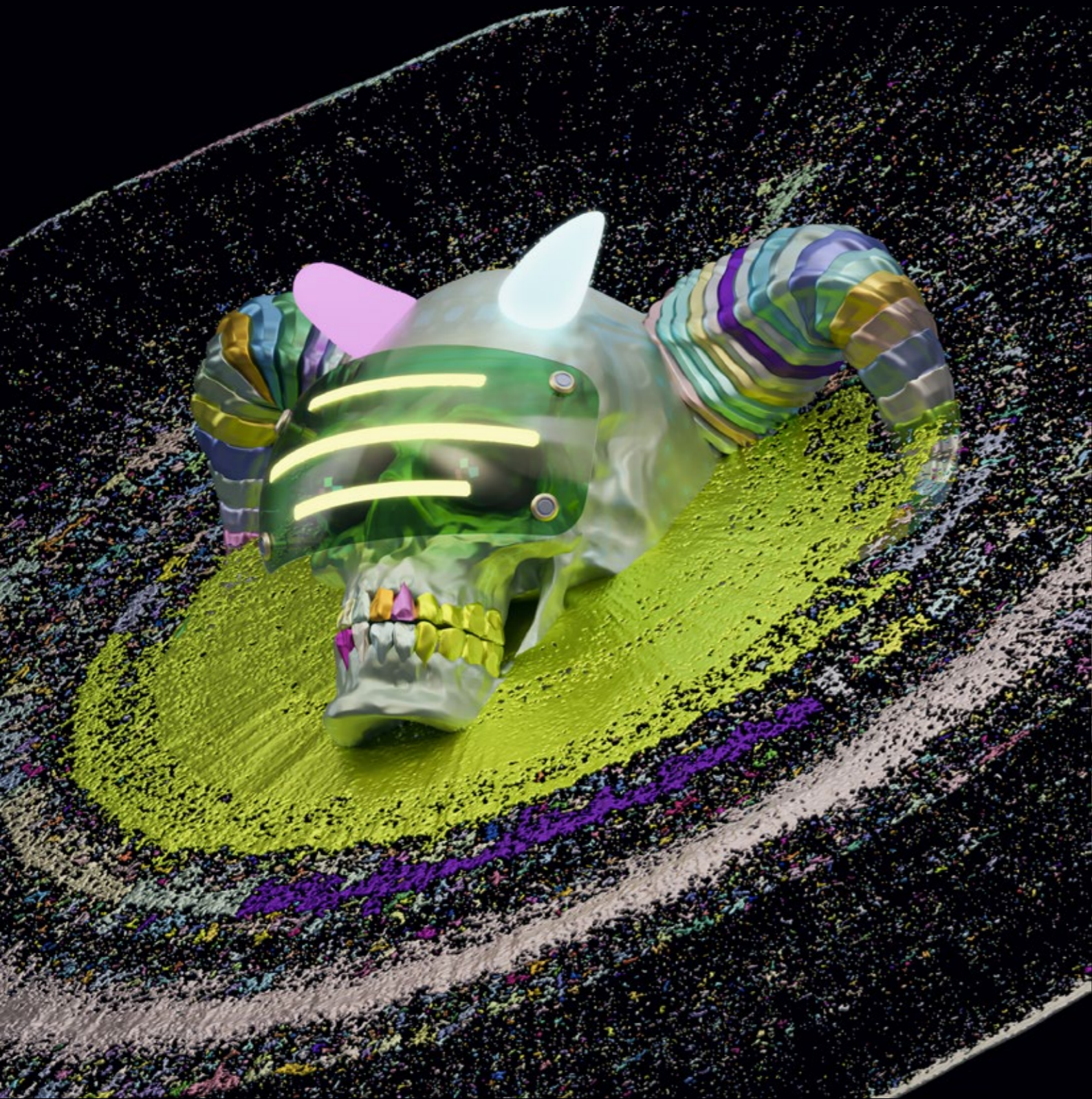


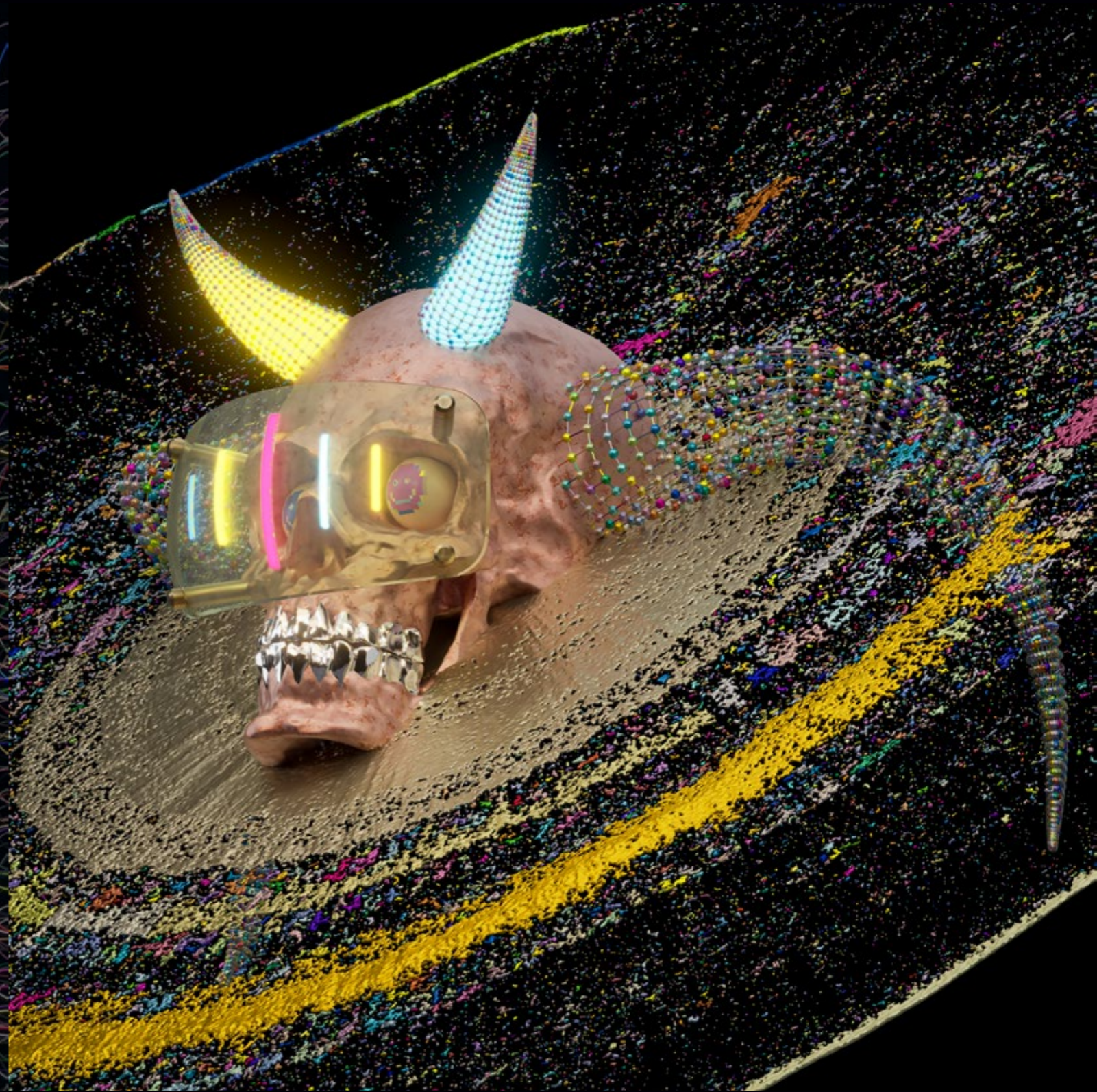


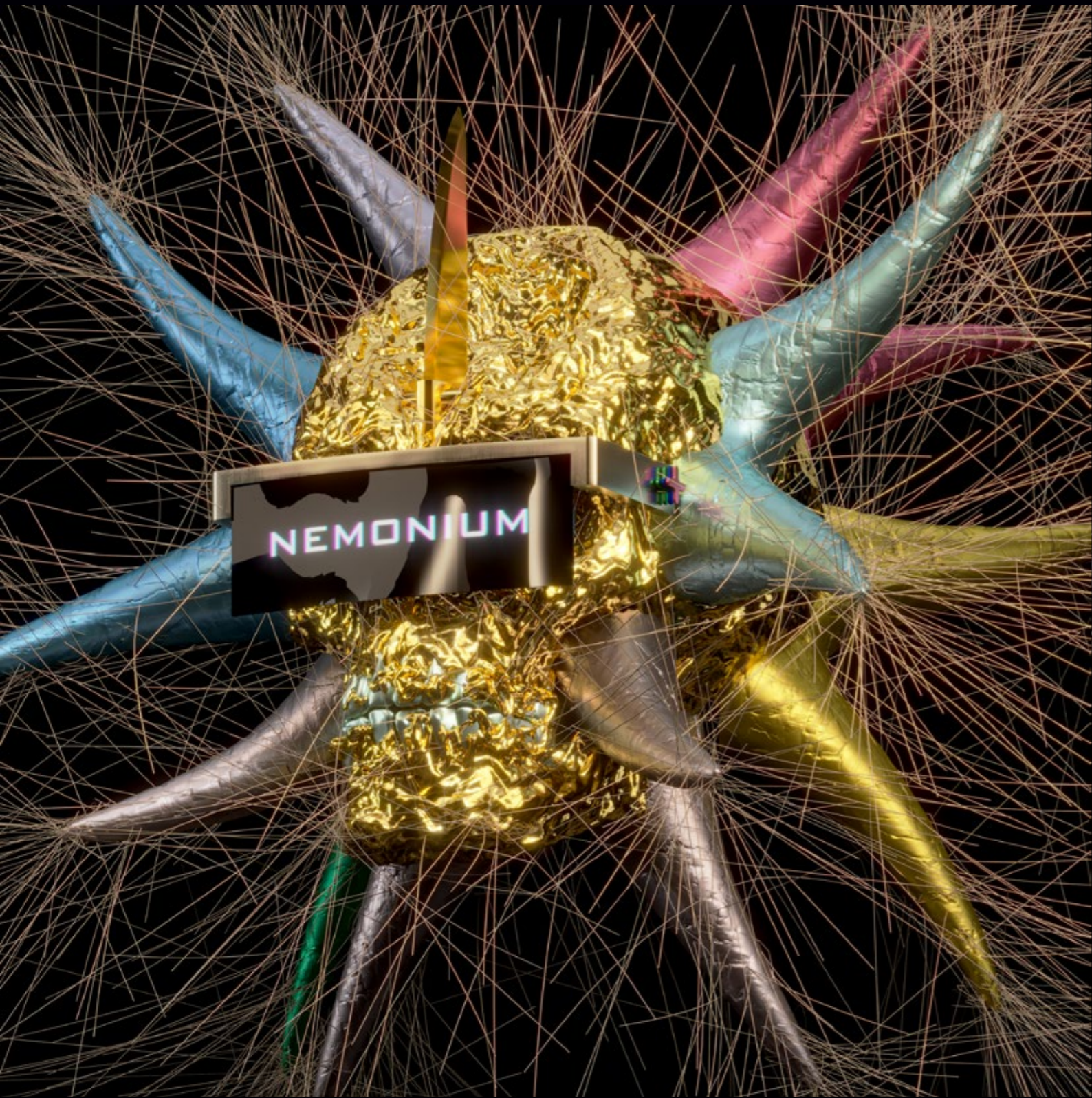








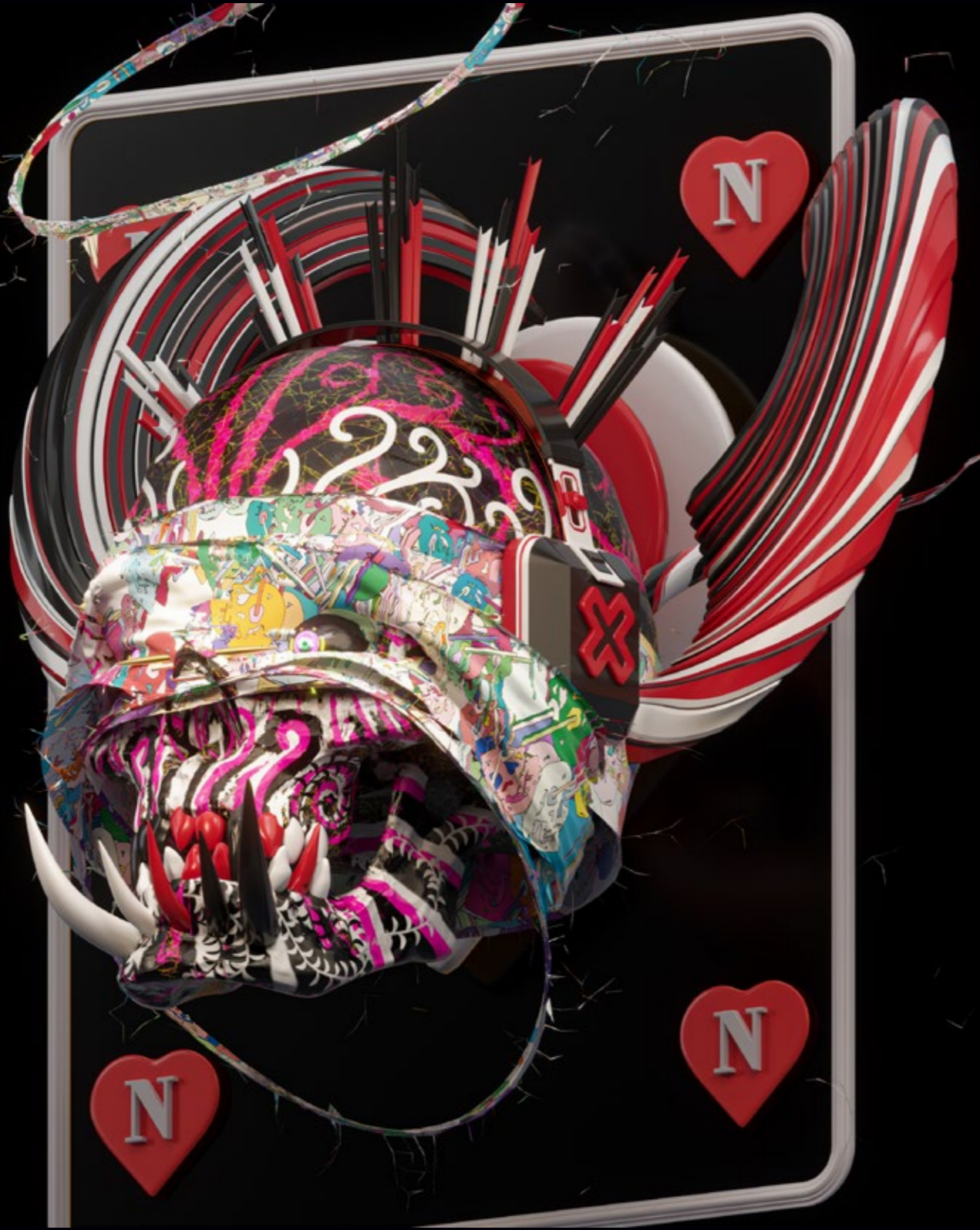


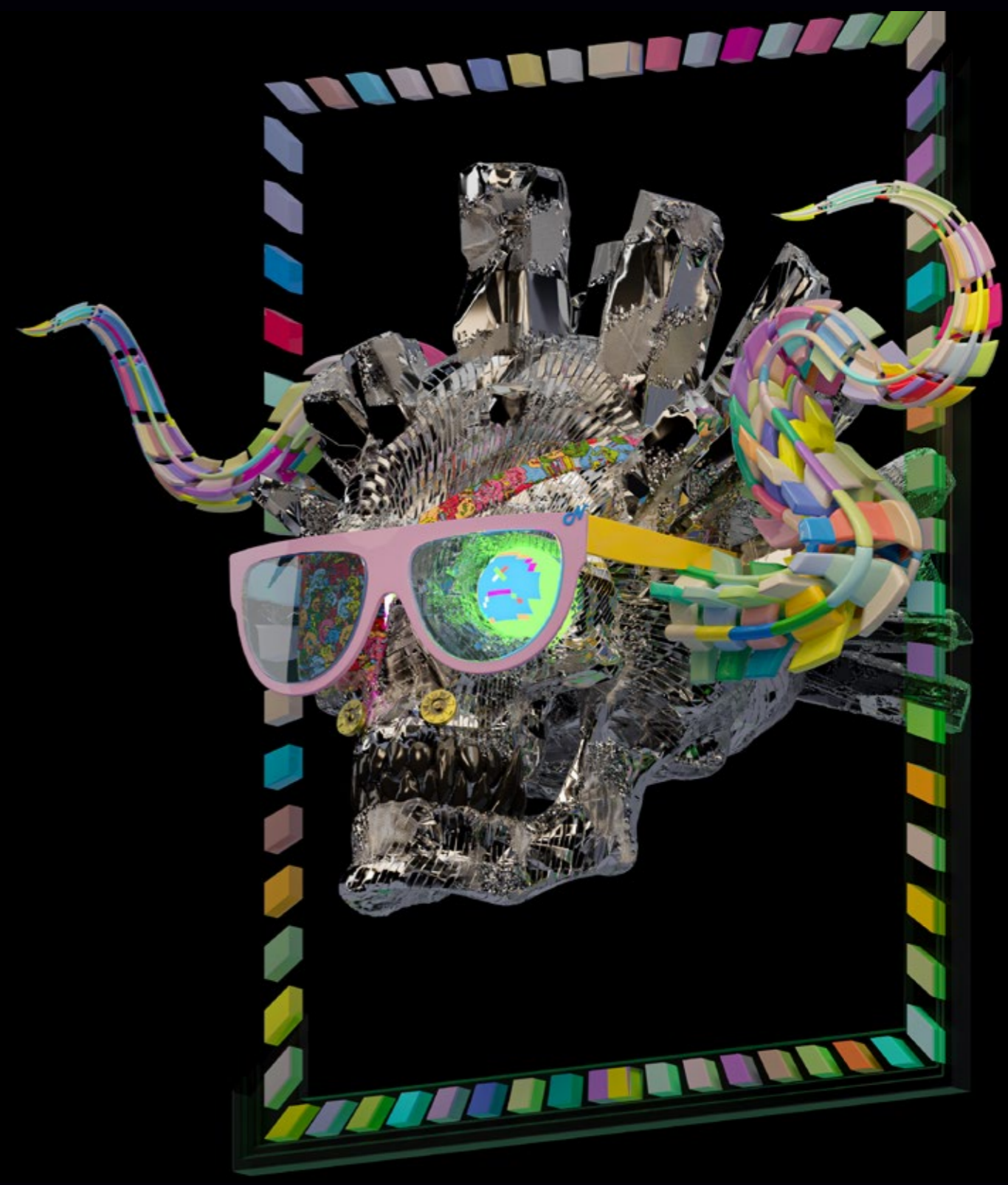




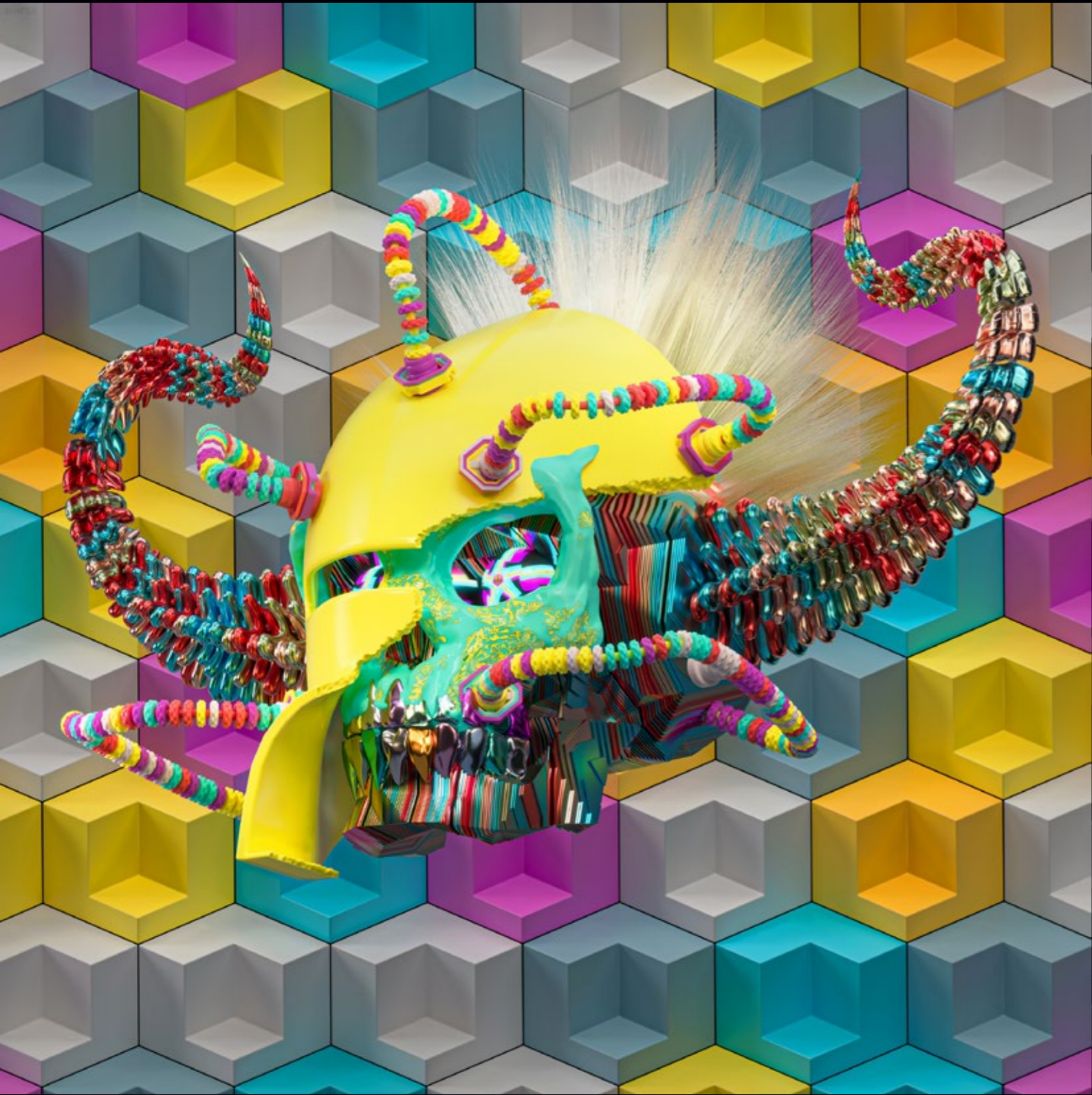




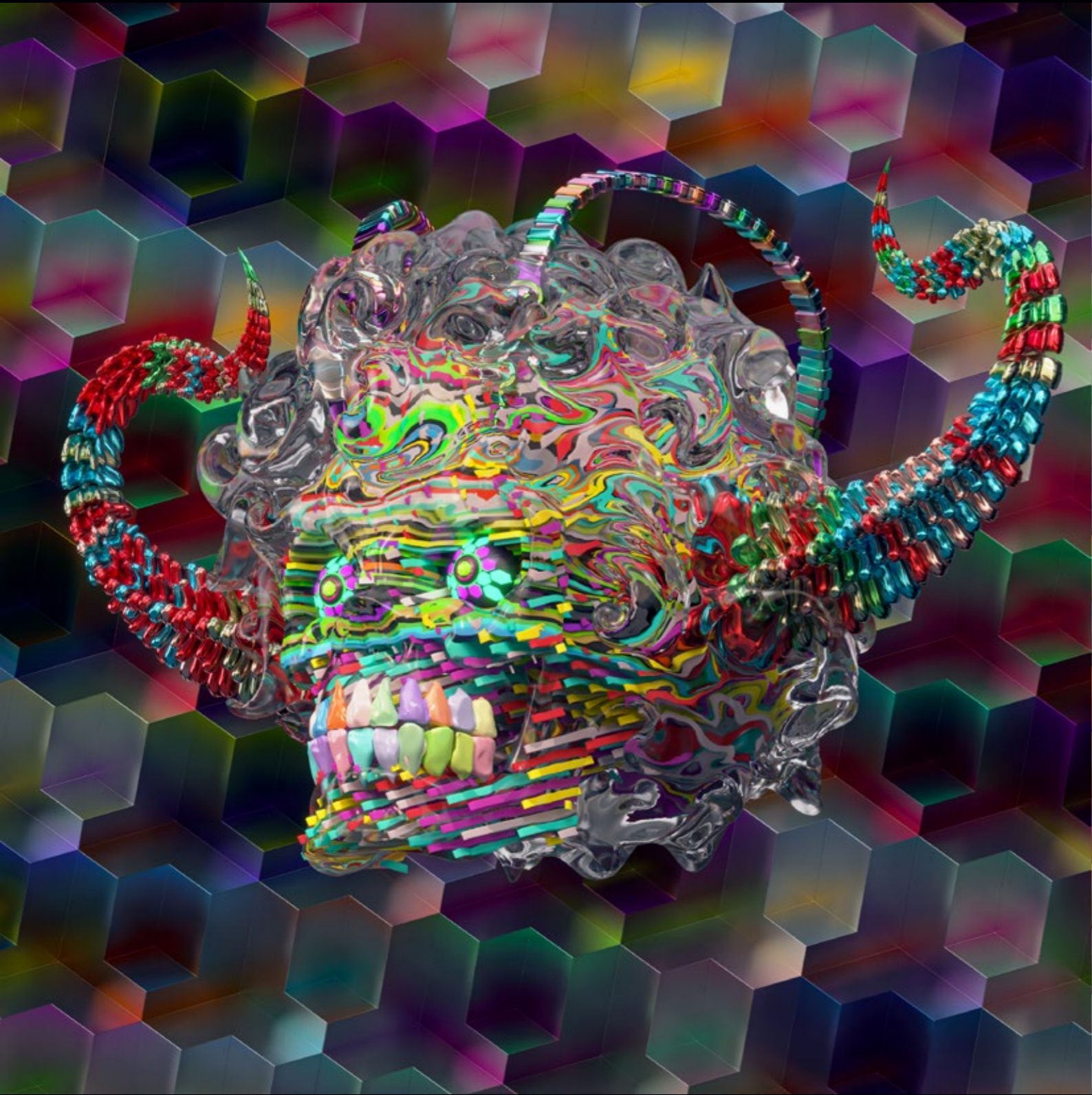


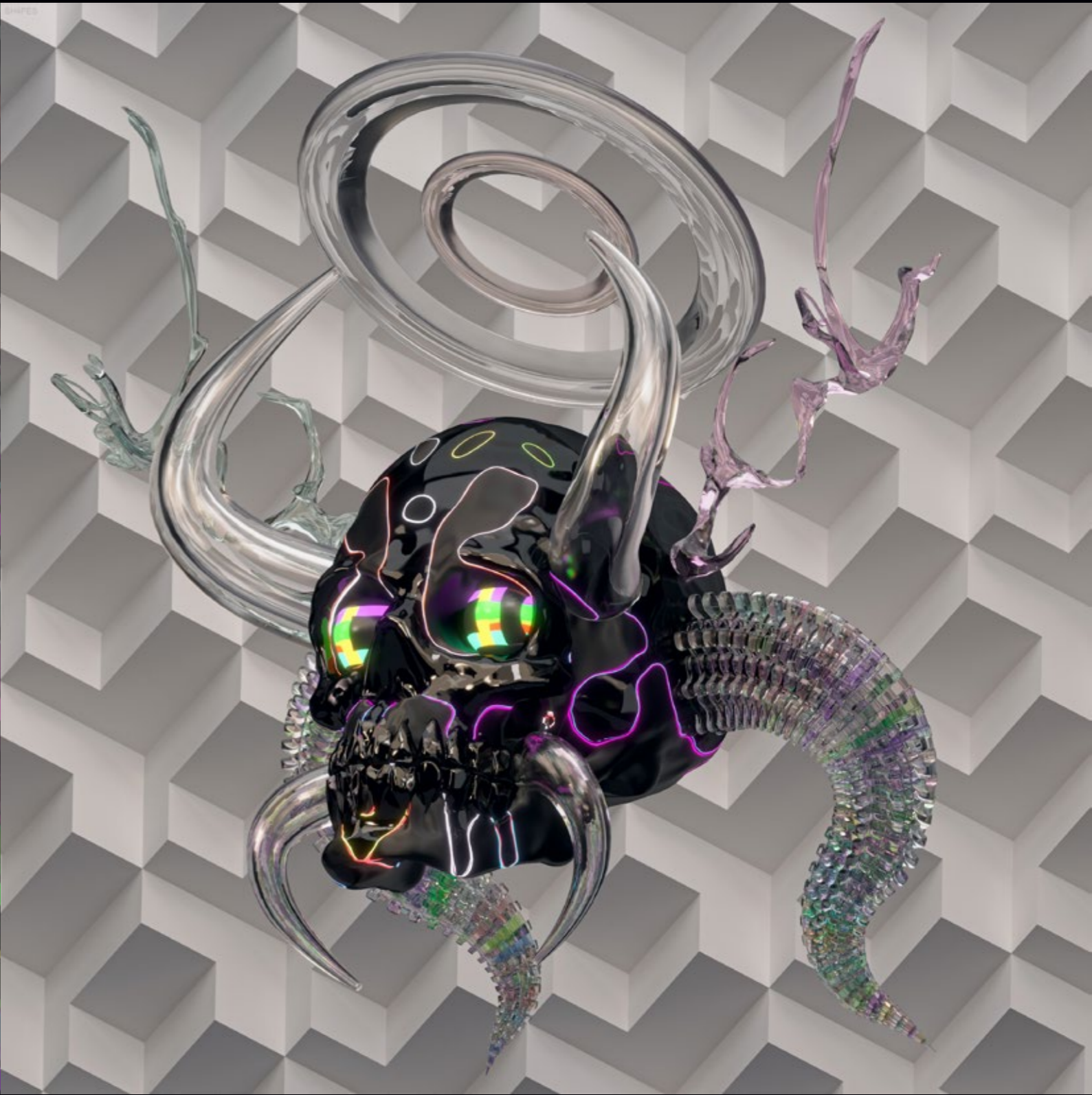










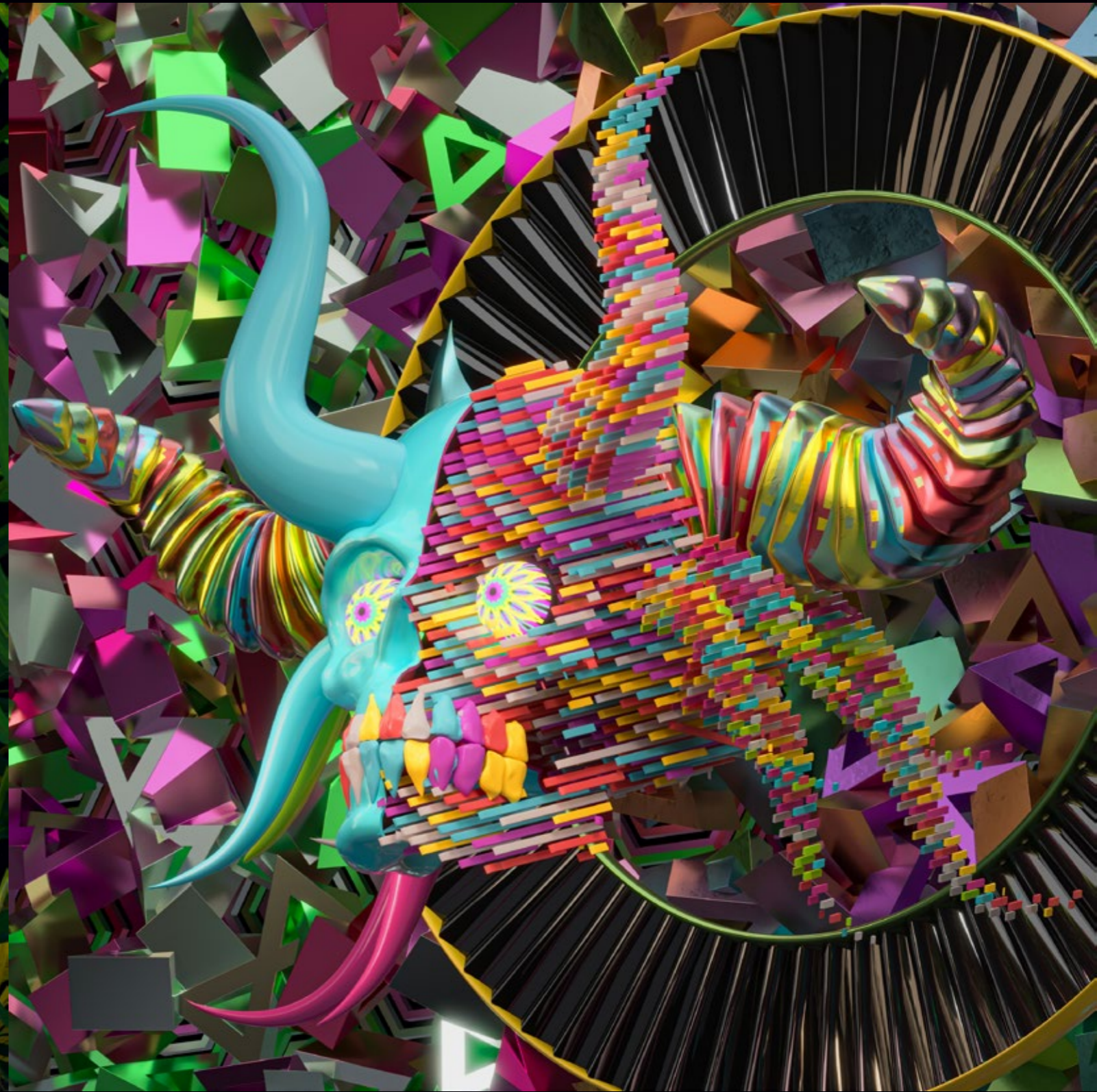


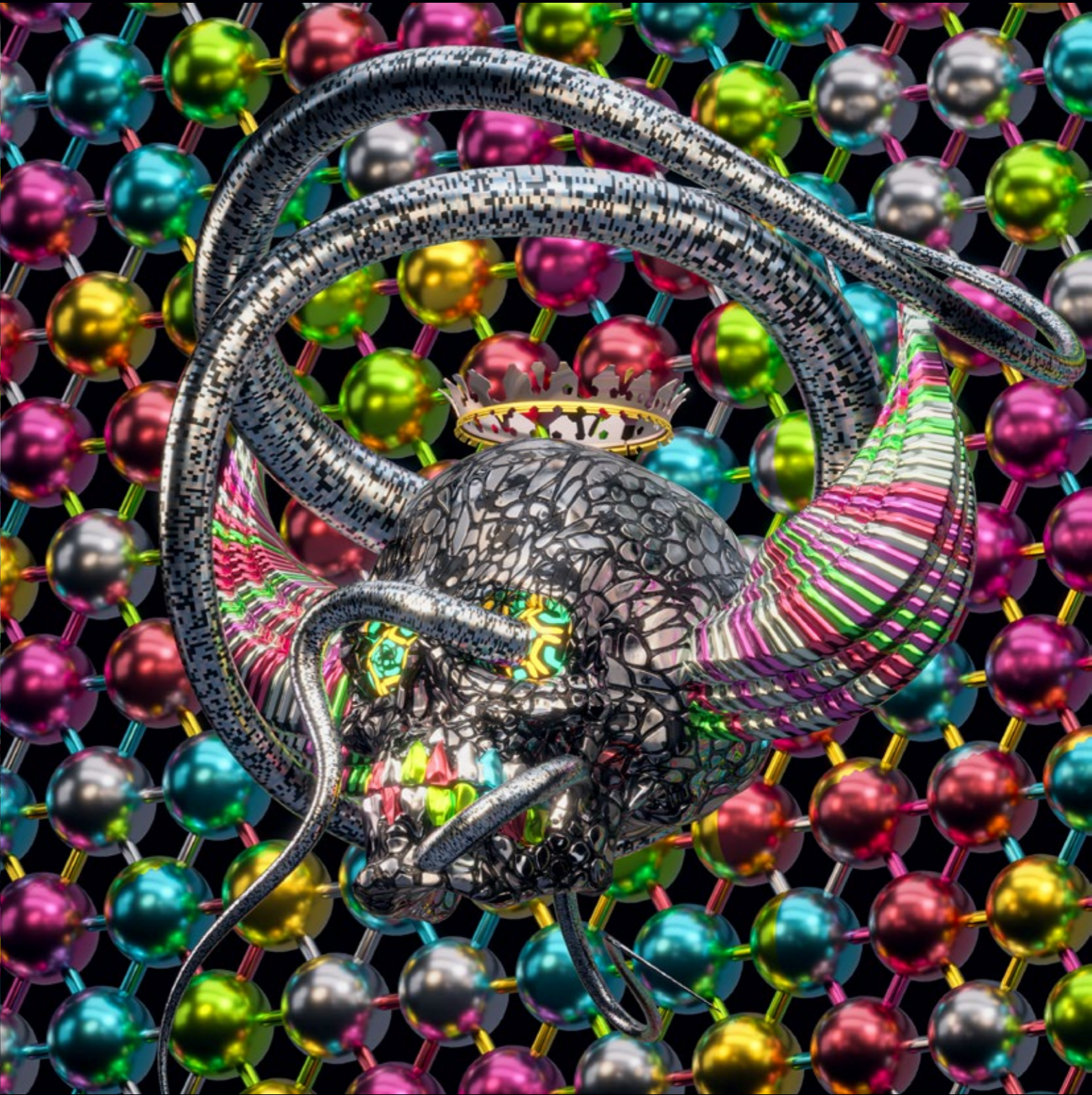






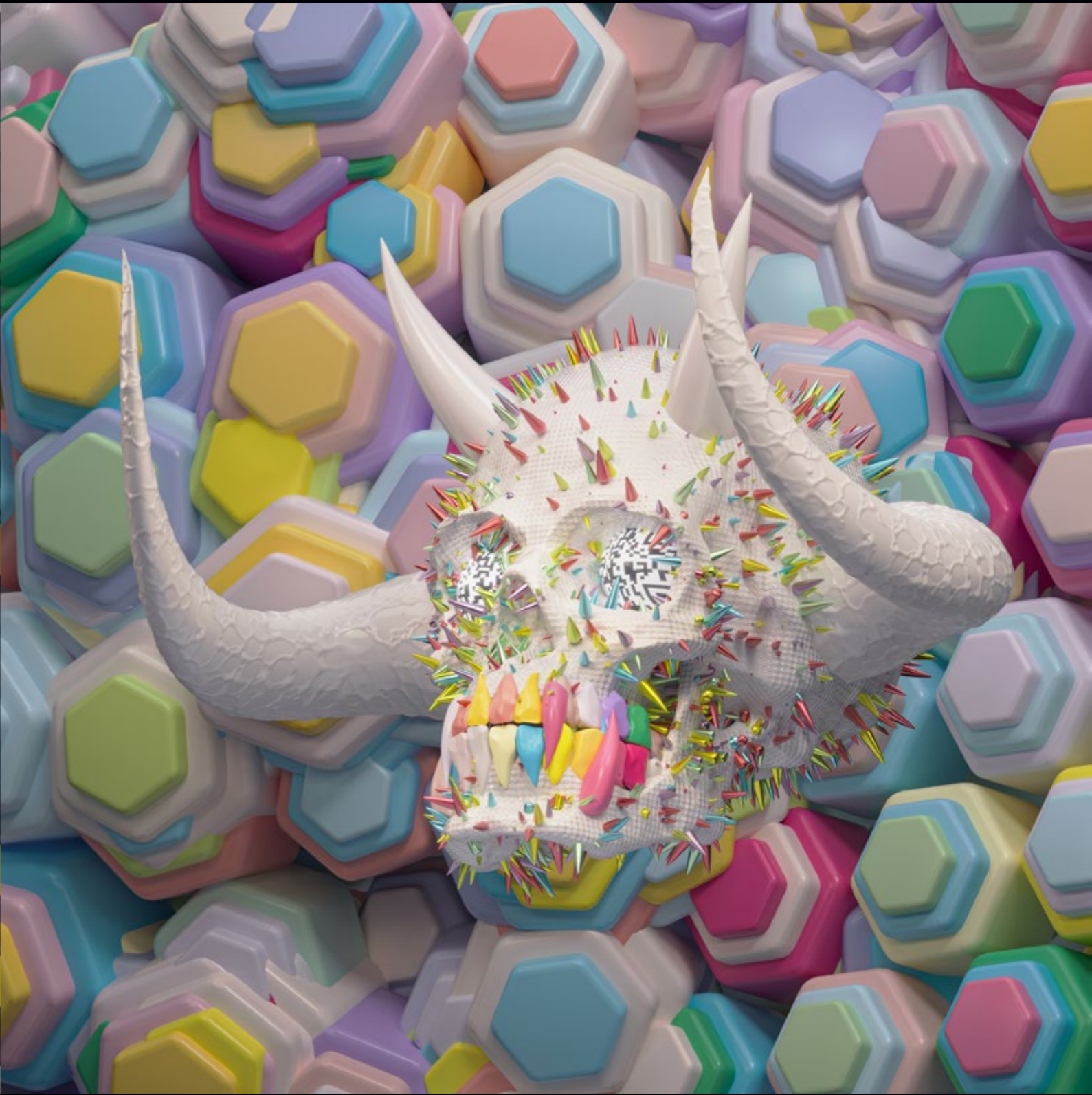














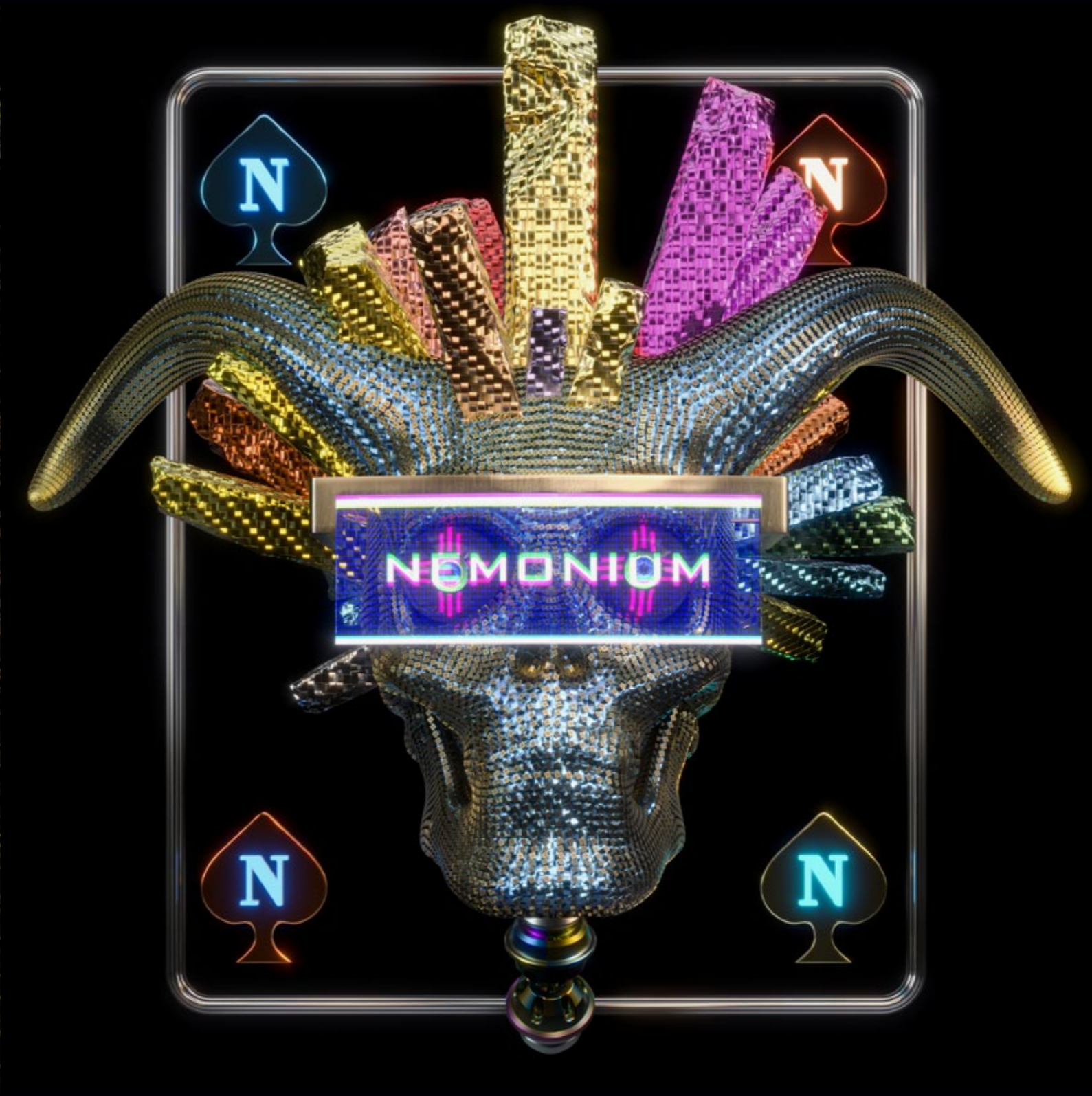


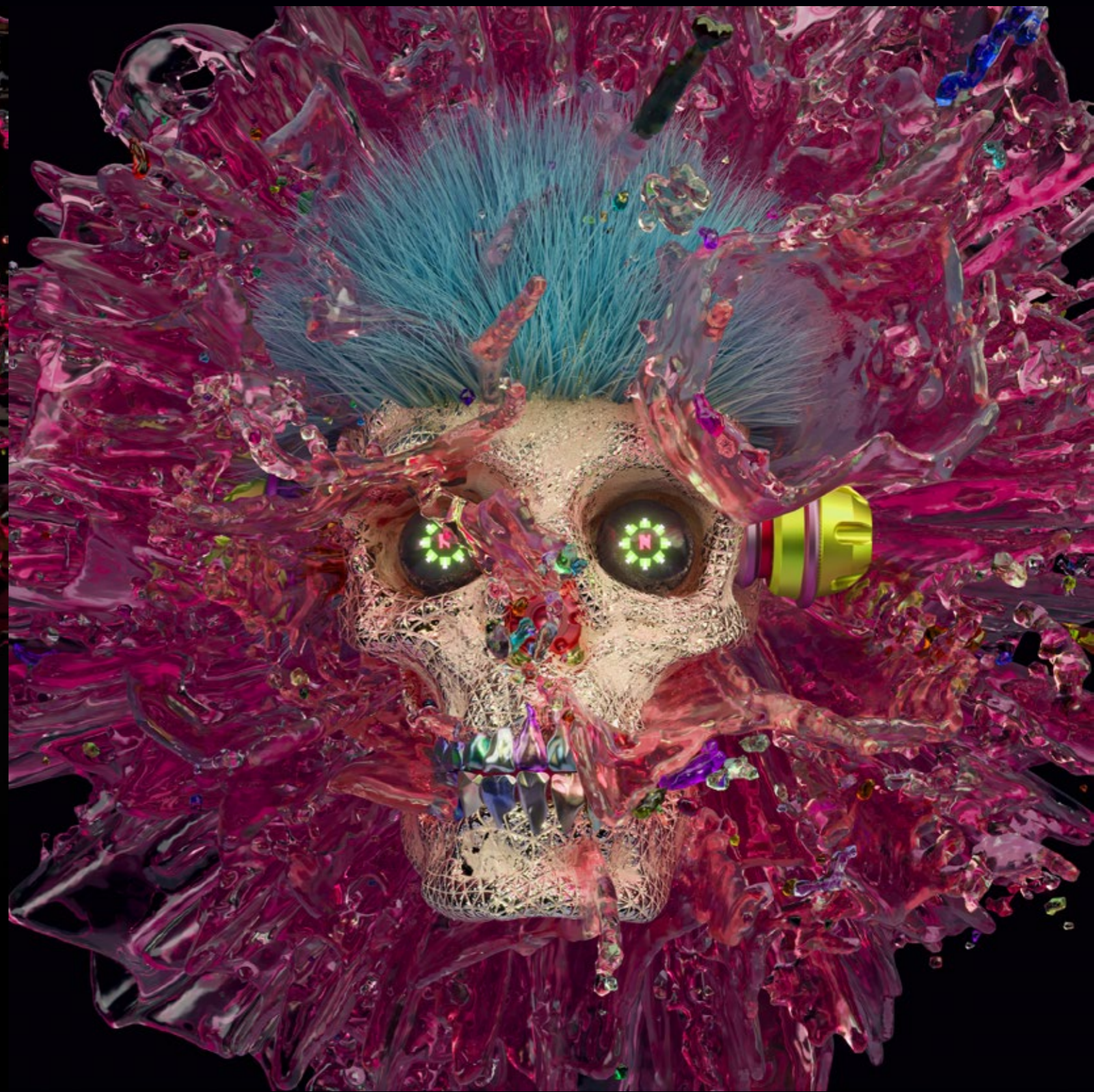
















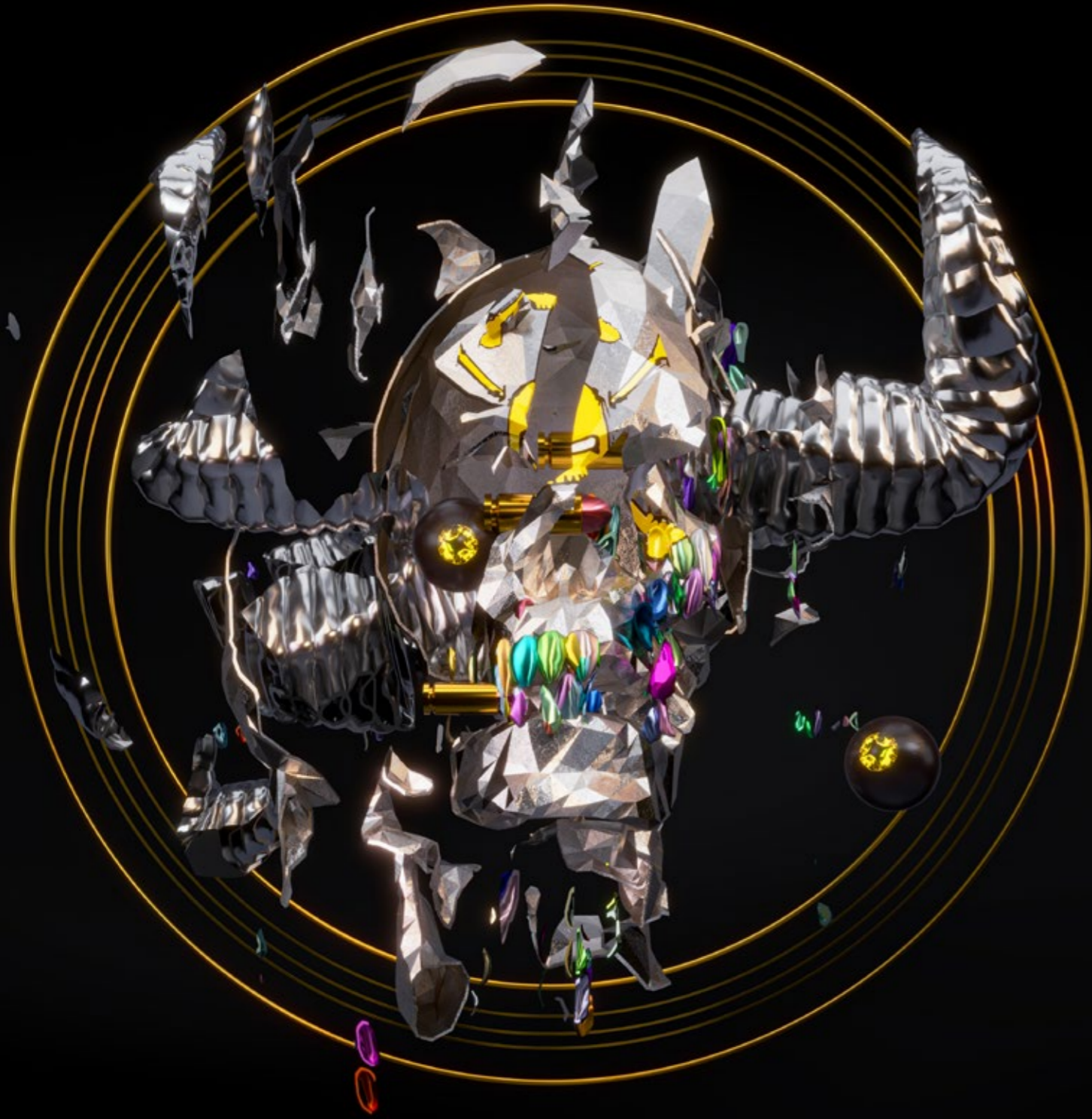


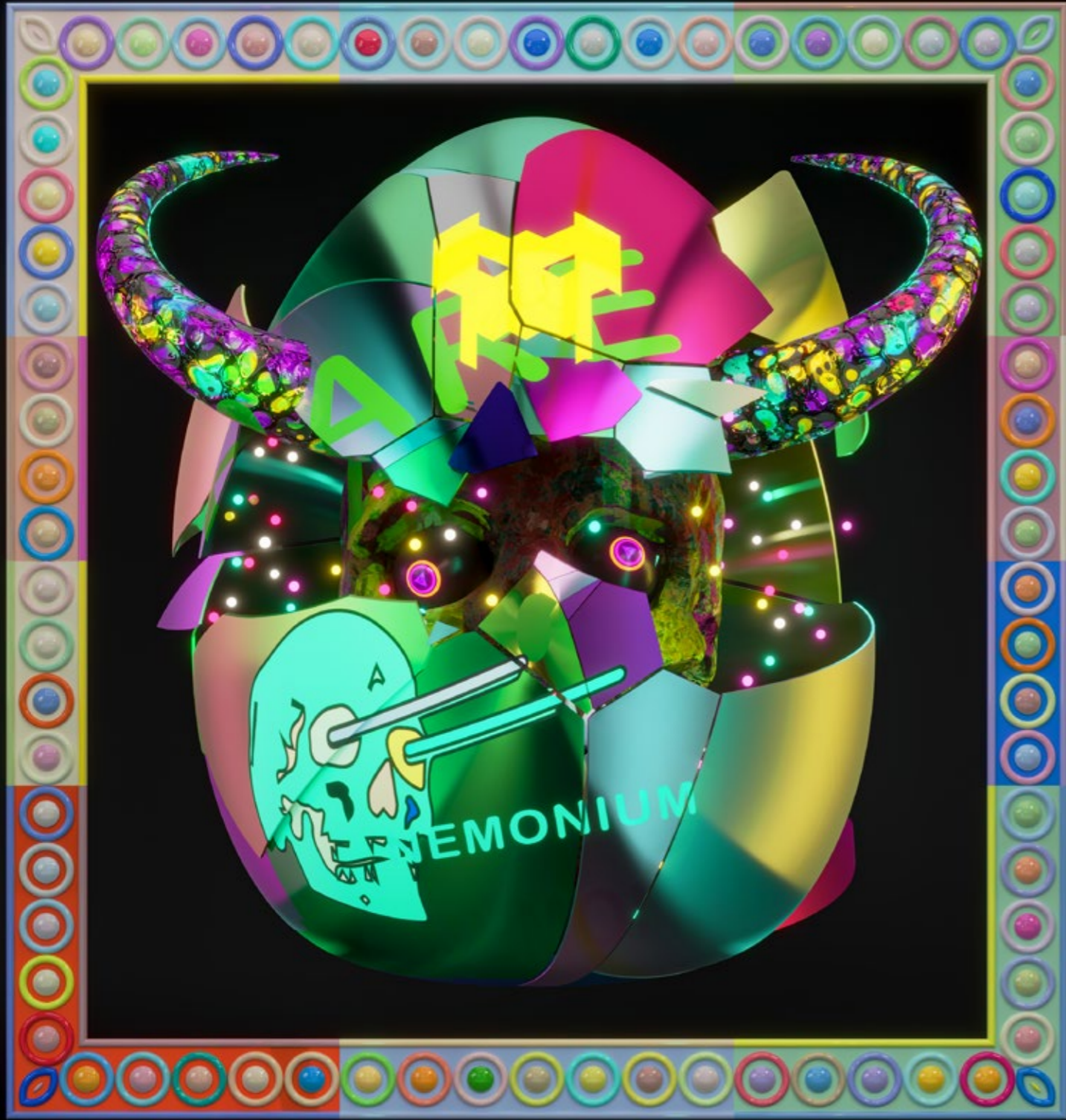


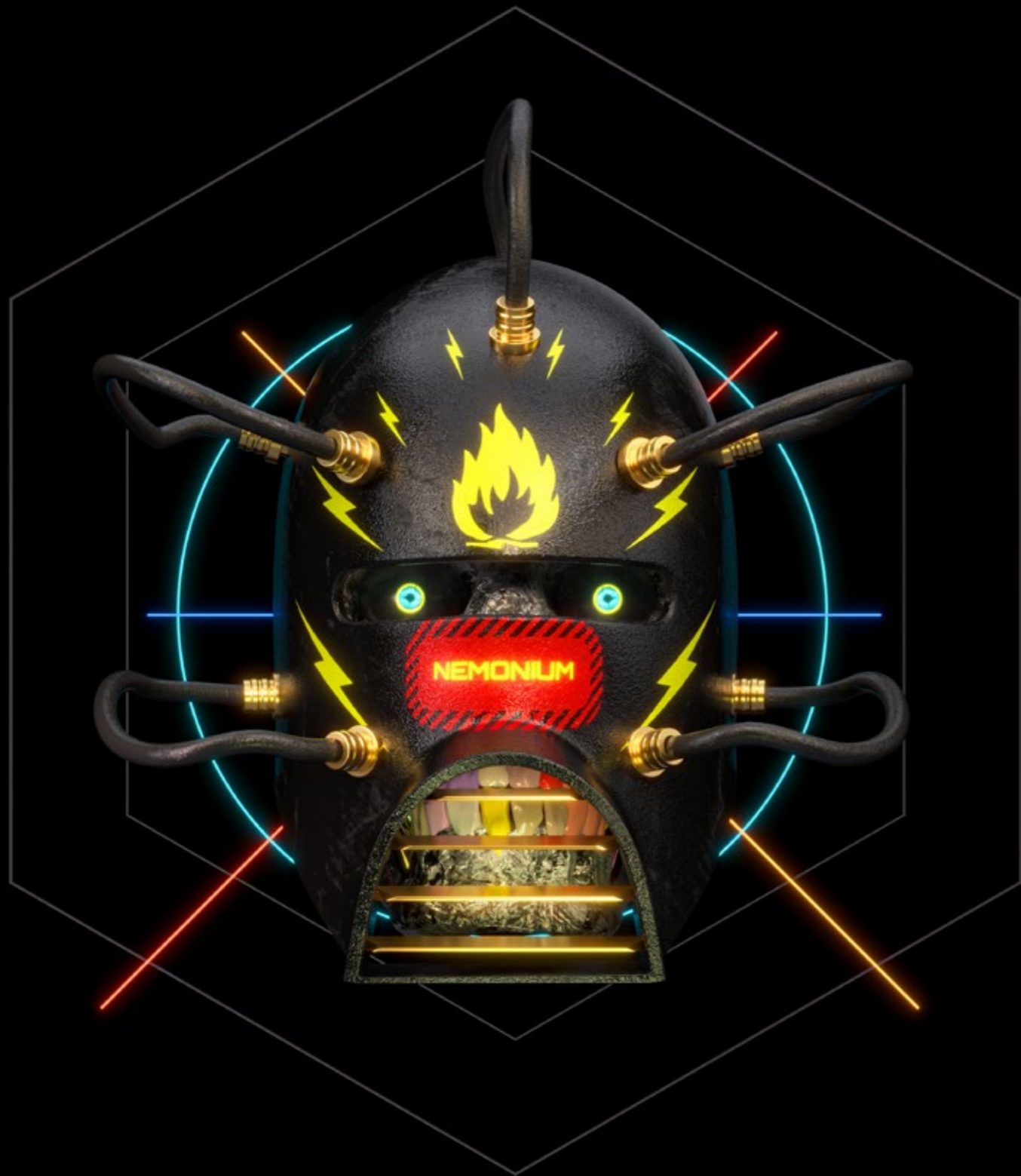






















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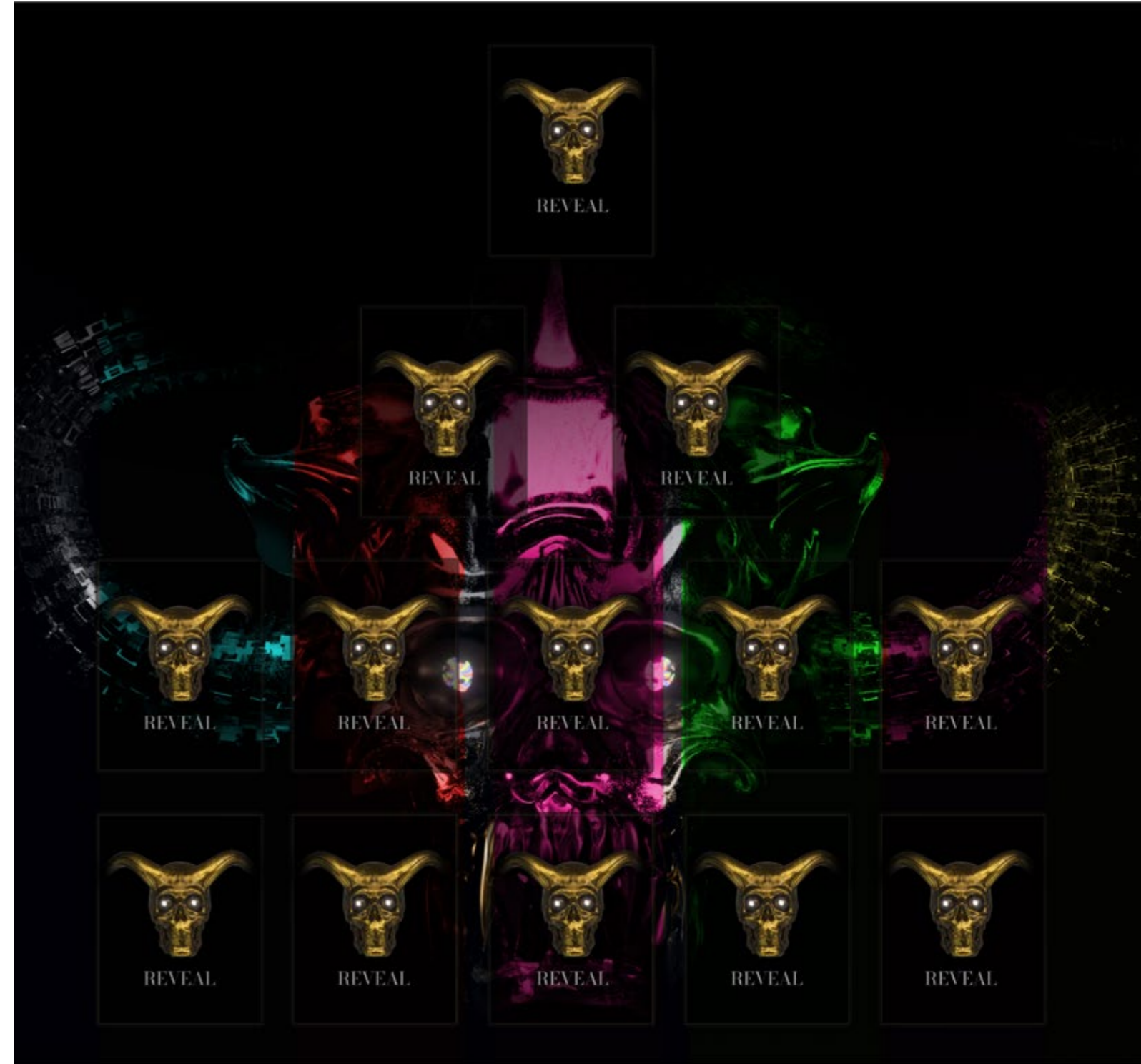
SHAPEVERSE UNCHARTED COLLECTABLES

To express my gratitude to my Cardano collector base, I organised an NFT drop with Nemo, who leverages [ADA ANVIL AGENCY](#) to streamline various developmental aspects like minting, airdrops, and staking. This initiative, sparked the inception of the uncharted collectables. Each unique NFT is unveiled at random intervals, presenting opportunities for minting and engagement.

The inaugural NFT was airdropped to all recipients as a 2023 New Year's gift. As of now, only four NFTs have been released. The underlying intention is to instill an element of competition among participants vying to amass the complete set and foster continuity of the Brand. Those who successfully gather the entire collection will be rewarded, either with a personalised NFT or gaining priority access to a limited future release.

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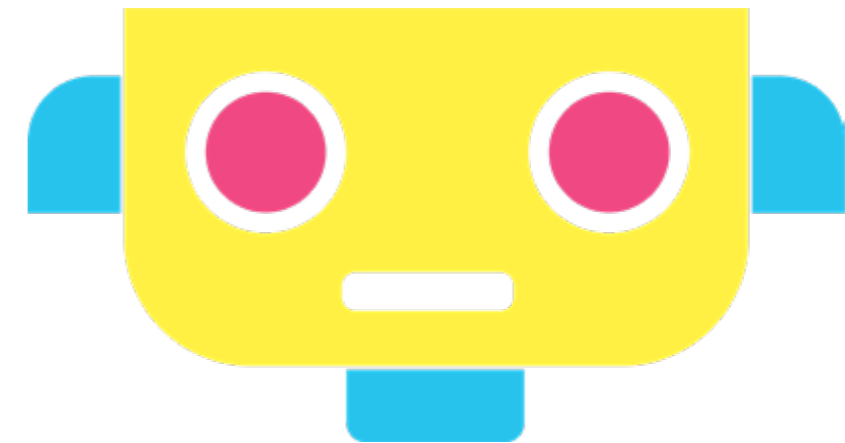
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